WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly and southerly winds, becoming unsettled and milder, with rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled and milder with sleet or rain.

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SOMME OFFENSIVE GAINS THREE DESIRED RESULTS

Sir Douglas Haig in Detailed Review Points to Allies' Objectives and How They Were Attained—Pressure on Verdun Relieved; Enemy Forces Held in West; Strength Worn Down

FOE SAVED FROM COLLAPSE BY ADVENT OF BAD WEATHER

British and French Have Shown Ability to Defeat Germans in West When Time Arrives for Renewed Effort—Failure to Capture Verdun Serious Blow to Prestige.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for Entente Allied arms in a detailed report by General Sir Douglas Haig, which was issued tonight, and which covers operations from July 1 to November 18.

General Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German Western armies were only saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather that prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance. He declares that nevertheless it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to overthrow Germany "when the time comes."

Win War on Western Front

The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the Entente Allies can win the war on the Western front.

"I desire to add a few words as to future prospects," he says at the close of the dispatch, which covers sixteen closely printed pages.

"The enemy's power has not yet been broken, nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the objects for which the Allies are fighting have been attained, but the Somme battle has placed beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to gain those objects. The German army is the mainstay of the Central Powers, and a full half of that army, despite all advantages of the defensive, and supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year. Neither victors nor vanquished will forget this, and although bad weather has given the enemy a respite there undoubtedly are many thousands in his ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in their ability to resist our assaults or overcome our defence.

"Our new armies entered battle with a determination to win and confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified."

Allies in Co-operation

The opening of the dispatch outlines the origin of the Entente Allies' decision to begin the Somme operations.

"The principle of an offensive campaign during the Summer of 1916 had already been decided on by all the Allies," says the report. "Various possible alternatives on the Western front had been studied and discussed by General Joffre and myself, and we were in complete agreement as to the front to be attacked by the combined French and British armies. Preparation for the offensive had made considerable progress, but the date was dependent on many doubtful factors.

"Subject to the necessity of commencing operations before the Summer was too far advanced, and with due regard to the general situation, I desired to postpone my attack as long as possible. The British armies were growing in numbers, and the supply of munitions was steadily increasing, but a large proportion of the officers and men were still far from being fully trained, and the longer the attack was deferred the more efficient they would become.

Strain Becoming Dangerous

"On the other hand, the Germans were continuing to press their attacks on Verdun, and both there and on the Italian front, where the Austrian offensive was gaining, it was evident that the strain might become too great unless timely action was taken. Accordingly I agreed that the attack should be launched whenever the general situation required it with as great a force as then might be available.

"By the end of May the pressure on the Italian front had assumed such vigorous proportions that the Russian campaign was started early in June, and the successes gained against the Austrians at once caused a movement of German troops from the Western to the Eastern front. This did not lessen the pressure on Verdun, and it was agreed that the French and British offensive would not be postponed beyond the end of June.

"The object of that offensive was to relieve the pressure on Verdun; to assist our Allies by stopping further transfer of German troops from the Western front and to wear down the strength of the enemy."

Three Objects Attained

General Haig sums up the results as follows:

"Three main objects with which we started the offensive in July already had been accomplished in spite of the fact that heavy Autumn rains prevented full advantage being taken of the favorable situation created by our advance at a time when we had good ground for hoping to achieve yet more important successes. Verdun had been relieved, the main German forces had been held on the Western front and the enemy's strength had been considerably worn down. Any one of these three results in itself is sufficient to justify the Somme battle. The attainment of all three affords ample compensation for the splendid efforts of the troops and for the sacrifices made. They have brought us a long step toward final victory.

"The struggle for Verdun had invested that place with a moral and political importance out of all proportion to its military value. Its fall undoubtedly would have shaken the faith of many in our ultimate success. The failure of the enemy to capture it, despite great efforts and heavy losses, was a severe blow to his prestige.

Enemy Held in West

"Information obtained both during the progress of the Somme battle and since the suspension of active operations, has fully established the effect of our offensive in keeping the enemy's main forces tied to the Western front. In November the strength of the enemy in the Western theatre was greater than in July, notwithstanding the abandonment of Verdun.

"There is nevertheless sufficient evidence to place beyond doubt that the enemy's losses in men and material were very considerably higher than those of the Allies, while morally the balance of advantage on our side is still greater. During the period under review a steady deterioration took place in the morale of large numbers of the enemy's troops. Many of them, it is true, fought with the greatest determination, even in the latest encounters, but the resistance of even larger numbers latterly became decidedly more feeble than in the early stages of the battle.

"Aided by the great depth of his defences and by frequent reliefs which his resources in men enabled him to effect, discipline and training held the machine together sufficiently to enable the enemy to rally and reorganize his troops after each fresh defeat. But towards the end of the operations, when the weather unfortunately broke, there is no doubt that his power of resistance very seriously diminished."

Blocked by Bad Weather

General Haig frequently touches on the handicap of the weather. In mid-October came the Allies' chance to break through the German lines.

"We had at last," writes General Haig, "reached the stage at which a successful attack might reasonably be expected to yield much greater results than anything we had yet attained. The resistance of the troops opposed to us had seriously weakened in the course of recent operations, and there is no reason to suppose that the effort was not within our powers . . . Unfortunately, at this juncture very unfavorable weather set in, and continued with scarcely a decrease during the remainder of October and the early part of November. Poor visibility seriously interfered with the work of the artillery, and constant rain turned the mass of hastily dug trenches into channels of deep mud. The country roads, broken by countless shell craters, rapidly became impassable, making the supply of food, stores and ammunition a serious problem. These conditions multiplied the difficulties of attack to such an extent that it was impossible to exploit the situation with the rapidity necessary to enable us to reap he fullest advantage we had gained."

"Tanks" and Gas

General Haig's report contains frequent mention of the work of "tanks." One example follows:

"Gueudecourt was carried in an interesting fashion. In the early morning a tank started down a portion of a trench held by the enemy from the northwest, firing its machine guns and followed by bombers.

"The enemy could not escape, as we held the trench at the southern end. At the same time an airplane flew down the length of the trench, also firing its machine gun at the enemy.

"The enemy finally waved white handkerchiefs in token of surrender and when this was reported by the airplanes the infantry accepted the surrender of the garrison. Besides a great number of the enemy killed we made prisoner eight officers and 362 men. Our total casualties were five.

Discussing the use of gas and liquid fire, he says:

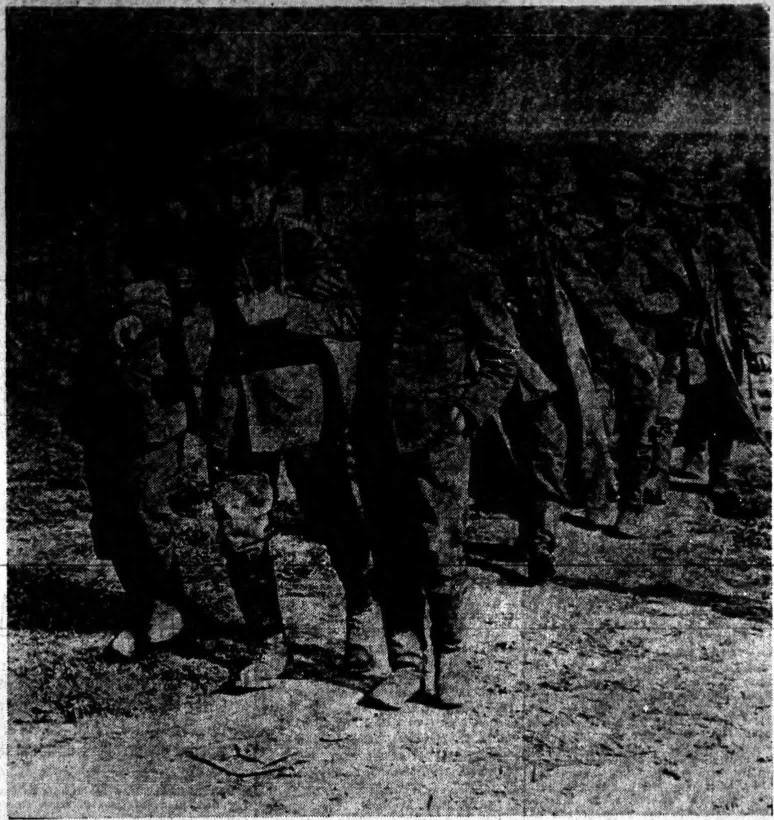
"The employment by the enemy of gas and liquid fire compelled us not only to discover ways to protect our troops, but also to devise means of using the same instruments. Great fertility of invention has been shown, and great credit is due to the special personnel employed for the rapid success with which these arms have been developed and perfected, and for the devotion to duty displayed in a difficult and dangerous service.

"Since we have been compelled in self-defence to use similar methods, it is satisfactory to be able to record on the evidence of prisoners, documents captured and our own observations that the enemy has suffered heavy casualties from our gas attacks, while the means of protection adopted by us proved thoroughly effective."

In Command at Brighton

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Brig.-Gen. Landry is temporarily commanding the Canadian forces in the Brighton area in the absence of Gen. Macdougall. Lieut. A. D. Cooper has taken up temporary duty at the Ministry of Munitions. Capt. R. K. Robertson has been appointed acting general staff officer at Brighton. In the Veterinary Corps Service, Capt. M. Elliott has been appointed veterinary officer at Bramshott Camp, and Capt. W. R. [illegible] at Witley.

Canadians Escort Their Prisoners



The Germans shown in the above were captured in the taking of Courcelette. The great work done by the Dominion troops in the battle of the Somme is described in Sir Douglas Haig's report printed today.

TRY NEW ATTACK WEST OF MEUSE

German Troops Transferred From Somme Front Make Unsuccessful Effort—Minor Operations at Other Points.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The War Office communication issued tonight says:

"Between the Aisne and the Oise our artillery carried out a destructive fire on German organizations in the region of Quennevieres. Our patrols penetrated enemy trenches which had been badly shattered. They had been evacuated by the Germans.

"On the left bank of the Meuse the enemy violently bombarded during the afternoon our positions between the Meuse and Avoucourt. We stopped several attacks that were attempted by means of grenades at various points on this front. Everywhere else there was intermittent cannonading.

"Aviation—Among the German airplanes that were destroyed on the 27th inst. and reported in this morning's communique, one was brought down by Adjutant Lufbery and another by Lieut. de la Tour. Thus far Adjt. Lufbery has brought down six German airplanes and Lt. de la Tour eight. (Adjt. Lufbery is an American, having been born at New Haven, Conn.).

"During the day of the 27th, and on the following night, our bombing air squadron dropped projectiles on the aviation field at Grisolles, on the station at Nesle and on various military factories, among the latter those at Neukirchen."

Belgian communication — "Artillery duels occurred today south of Dixmude and towards Noordschoote. We carried out an effectcive fire in the direction of Mercken."

The afternoon communication follows: "On the left bank of the river Meuse, after the intense bombardment reported in an announcement of yesterday and which later grew even more potent, the Germans late yesterday afternoon delivered a strong attack along a front of more than three kilometres against our positions located between a point to the west of Hill 304 and a point east of Deadman Hill.

"This attack was broken by our curtains of fire and the fire of our infantry and machine guns. Certain small detachments of the enemy penetrated one of our trenches south of Deadman Hill.

"On the right bank of the river we have dispersed a strong German reconnaissance east of Hardaumont work.

"The night passed quietly on the rest of the front.

"Flight Lieut. Herteaux brought down on the 27th of December his sixteenth aeroplane. It has been confirmed also that on December 27 French air pilots brought down four other enemy machines."

Raid East of Le Sars

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The British official communication issued shortly after midnight says:

"A party of our troops successfully raided the enemy's lines east of Le Sars on Thursday evening. His trenches were found to have been greatly damaged by our artillery fire.

"A raid was attempted Friday evening on our positions east of Armentieres, but was repulsed.

"After a comparatively quiet night, the artillery activity was resumed with vigor today (Friday) by both sides, reaching a pitch of some intensity along our front south of the Ancre and in the neighborhood of Berles

"In spite of adverse weather some successful work was done yesterday (Thursday) by our aeroplanes in conjunction with the artillery. One of our machines has not returned."

Troops from Somme Front

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—On the Verdun front yesterday German troops transferred from the Somme front entered French positions on Hill 304 and on the southern slope of Deadman Hill, the War Office announced today.

The Germans advanced to the second and third French positions, capturing seven machine guns. Several French counter-attacks were repulsed, the statement adds. The Germans brought back 220 prisoners.

French troops today made counter-attacks on the new position captured by the Germans on Deadman's Hill, northwest of Verdun. The War Office in this evening's statement made this announcement, and reported the repulse of the attacks.

CHRISTMAS DAY WITH CANADIANS

Visit to Soldiers Shows Them in Cheerful and Confident Spirit—Feel Certain of the Final Result.

WITH A BATTALION IN THE FRONT TRENCHES ON CHRISTMAS DAY, via LONDON, Dec. 29—Comparatively speaking, there is peace with the Canadian army in France today. It is only comparatively, however, for there is no fraternizing; in fact, one battalion from the Maritime Provinces was so kind as to make a raid last night on the Huns, who, they learned, were celebrating the holiday on the 24th. The raid was very successful, and they captured seven and twenty Germans and lost one sergeant. A Pole deserted the previous day—"fed up," he said.

The enemy opposite the Canadians is very nervous. They never know what is coming next. Our men are confident, as usual. Christmas was not a most cheerful day. The lads were thinking of home and the fun they were missing. To our greeting of "Happy Christmas" they always returned "Thank you, sir," with a cheery smile.

Christmas morning broke with a dismal rain and wind. The enemy indulged in a rifle fusilade. When the weather cleared things became quiet, with an intermittent shell fire.

The Canadian Associated Press correspondent made a tour of the trench. He had as splendid a Christmas feast as anyone could desire at battalion headquarters, a few yards from the line. Turkey, Canadian plum pudding, bonbons and Christmas cake sent from Toronto. It was a special blow-out, attended by officers from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Winnipeg. But for a rare shell it might have been a Christmas dinner at a hunting camp in Canada.

The latest news from Canada was eagerly exchanged. Peace was discussed and declared impossible until the Huns are completely overcome. The hope was expressed that we may be on the other side of the Rhine next Christmas. It was feared that peace was still eighteen months away, but there was no doubt of results.

The general commanding, also a brigade general from Toronto and a brigadier-general visiting from Toronto called. Many Christmas parcels from Canada were very much appreciated by all ranks. The men were happy in the confidence that the people in Canada will support them to the uttermost.

CARGO CLAIMS IN PRIZE COURT

Arrangement Concluded by Which American Owners Can Proceed Without Securing Aid of Attorneys.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—As the result of conferences between Sir Samuel T. Evans, president of the British prize court, and Robert P. Skinner, the American Consul-General, an arrangement has been concluded under which American claimants on cargoes in the British prize court may make their appearance before the court without engaging local law aid.

It is announced that it will be necessary, however, for all claimants "to enter an appearance," this being the formal action to notify the court of their intention to appear in defence of their interests, which may be done by an agent in London qualified to do so by power of attorney. This power of attorney may be executed by the absent claimant in favor of the consuls-general, who, if required, it is announced, will take the necessary steps precedent to submission.

The cost of entering appearance is purely nominal, consisting of payment of two shillings for stamps. Sir Samuel Evans undertakes to see that the affidavits are read to the prize court. As many cases are pending in which the value of the goods is so inconsiderable that the owners would not be justified in employing local attorneys, it is pointed out that the new arrangement will permit them to secure judgment without any expense.

In discussing the new plan with the Associated Press, Mr. Skinner stated that the prize laws of both England and the United States hold that the claimant must exhaust his legal rights before invoking diplomatic intervention, and that consequently the arrangement will safeguard the claims of small owners who cannot afford the usual expense of litigation. Mr. Skinner also pointed out that American claimants of detained shipments by immediately supplying him with proofs of innocence of their cargoes may enable him to obtain the release of the goods before they actually reach the prize court.

GENERAL JOFFRE

Tribute Paid to Victor of Marne by New War Minister in Nominating Him as Marshal of France

PARIS, Dec. 29.—General Lyautey, Minister of War, delivered his maiden speech in the Chamber of Deputies today, when the subject of the nomination of Gen. Joffre as a Marshal of France came up.

"I regard it as a high honor," said Gen. Lyautey, "to have been called upon to raise to supreme distinction the man who has saved this country."

M. Viviani, Minister of Finance, said the Government had determined on the decree making Gen. Joffre a marshal because it was their duty to recompense wholly the glorious soldier of the Marne and the Yser. The Government in so doing was in accord with the opinion of the country and the army, M. Viviani added.

The debate was brought about by an interpellation by M. Maccabray as to whether the question if Gen. Joffre had been legally elevated to the rank of marshal should be discussed. The Chamber voted to consider the interpellation when it is called upon to ratify the decree.

MANY RUSSIANS DROWNED

German Reports State That Two Steamers Were Recently Sunk by Mines Off Finland Coast

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The Finnish steamer Oihonna, of 1,070 tons, with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland Islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen. All on board with the exception of fifty persons are said to have been drowned. The steamer was bound for Helsingfors. In addition to the men lost, one thousand horses went down with the ship.

According to the same source, another liner plying between Abo, Russia, and Marihaam likewise struck a mine and a large number of persons who were on board are missing.

SCANDINAVIANS SEND ANSWERS

Norway, Sweden and Denmark Reply to President Wilson With Identical Notes—No Offer of Co-operation.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 29.—Foreign Minister Wallenberg today handed to the American Minister the Scandinavian countries' peace note to the belligerents for transmission to Washington. When the American Minister delivered President Wilson's note to Wallenberg on December 21 the Swedish Foreign Minister evinced profound interest in the desire for peace, and the note handed to the American minister reflects this as the feeling prevailing throughout Scandinavia.

Identical Notes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The three Scandinavian nations, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, through identical notes, the Norwegian copy of which was handed to the State Department today by Minister Brin, have expressed lively interest in President Wilson's proposals "looking towards the establishment of a durable peace," and their "deepest sympathy" with all efforts to shorten the war.

Unlike the Swiss Government, which offered to help in any way, "no matter how modest," the Scandinavian countries make no direct offer of co-operation. This fact attracted particular interest, because Norway has been one of the greatest sufferers among the neutrals. The State Department made public the Norwegian note without comment, and in line with the policy of silence adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, no other official information concerning peace moves was forthcoming during the day.

RETURNED MEN MUST BE AIDED

Duke of Devonshire Speaks of Problem Presented by Incapacitated Soldiers—Must Fight War to Victory.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29—Our duty is to see that this war is fought to the only conclusion possible. However tempting may be the offers of peace made by the enemy, we must ignore them and continue this war until we get the terms we demand, the only terms which will insure the realization of the aim of the Allies, a lasting peace, declared the Duke of Devonshire, the Governor-General in opening the headquarters of the Ottawa Soldiers' Aid Commission.

We were reaching the most difficult period in the war, he declared, and problems of the greatest emergency were arising, among which was the care of the returned soldiers.

The problem which these men represented to patriots and the state was increasing every day, he said, as the numbers of incapacitated men became larger, and he commended the great work that the various patriotic associations were doing in aid of the soldiers' aid commission.

The state, he said, was cognizant of the problem it faced, and was making ready to meet it, and the generous and sympathetic support evinced by the people made him very happy.

Canada owned a great debt to these returned men, which she never could pay, he declared, and it behooved them to do their utmost in assisting them.

ARMY OF TURKEY

Location of Different Divisions as Estimated by London Times Military Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 29.—In the course of an article on operations in the East the Times' military correspondent says:

"Out of fifty to fifty-five Turkish divisions still in the field there will be, beginning October 22, about twenty-five on the Caucasus front, five to seven in Arabia, five or six in Austria and Dobrudja, five in Syria, three in Mesopotamia, three in Persia, two each at the Dardanelles, six in Smyrna, [illegible] and on the Struma front.

"The general situation seems to be that half the Turkish army is engaged in the Caucasus and Armenian theatres, and the rest scattered nowhere in great strength. Only two divisions are engaged south of Smyrna."

GEN. HAIG'S REFERENCES TO WORK OF CANADIANS

Operations Which Led to Capture of Enemy Positions at Martinpuich and Courcelette Mentioned in Report.

Gain Made on September 15 and Following Days Most Considerable Resulting From Any One Advance.

Taking of Regina and Stuff Trenches Attended by Comparatively Few Casualties—Work of All Troops Praised.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Sir Douglas Haig's dispatch issued tonight, covering all the operations along the British front, in describing the operations of September makes extended reference to the work of the Canadian forces which resulted in the capture of Martinpuich and Courcelette. The report reads in part as follows:

"The result of the fighting of September 15, and during the following days, was a gain more considerable than any which had attended our arms in the course of a single operation since the commencement of the offensive. In the course of one day's fighting we had broken through two of the enemy's main defensive systems, and had advanced on a front of more than six miles to an average depth of a mile. In the course of this advance we had taken three large villages, each powerfully organized for a prolonged resistance. Two of these villages had been carried by assault, with short preparation, in the course of a few hours of fighting.

Few Casualties

"All this was achieved with a small number of casualties in comparison with the troops employed, and in spite of the fact that, as was afterward discovered, the attack did not come as a complete surprise to the enemy.

"The total number of prisoners taken by us in these operations since the commencement of the evening of September 14 amounted at this date to over four hundred, including 127 officers."

Further on in the dispatch General Haig makes another reference to operations by the Canadians as follows:

"At midday on October 21 during a short spell of fine, cold weather the line of the Regina trench and Stuff trench was attacked with complete success. By excellent artillery preparation and barrage fire, the infantry carried their whole objective very quickly and with remarkably little loss. Our new line was firmly established in spite of the enemy's shell fire. Over one thousand prisoners were taken during the day's fighting—a figure only slightly exceeded by our total casualties."

Prisoners and Guns

In its general phases, General Haig's dispatch reports the total number of prisoners taken during the Somme battle between July 1 and Noevmber 14 as over 18,000, including over 800 officers. During the same period, he states, "we captured 29 heavy guns, 96 field guns and field howitzers, 136 trench mortars and 514 machine guns.

"The events which I have described in this dispatch," the Commander-in-Chief, in concluding his report, says, "form but a bare outline of the more important occurrences. To deal in any detail even with these, without touching on smaller fights and the ceaseless work in the trenches continuing day and night for five months, is not possible here, nor have I deemed it permissible, much as I might desire, to particularize units, brigades or divisions especially connected with the different events described. It would not be possible to do so without giving useful information to the enemy. Recommendations for rewards have been forwarded separately, and in due course the full details will be made known .

"Meanwhile, it must suffice to say that the troops from every part of the British Isles, from every Dominion and all quarters of the Empire, whether regulars, territorials or men of the new armies, have born their share in the battle of the Somme. While some have been more fortunate than others in opportunities for distinction, all have done their duty nobly."

SERETH FRONT THOUGHT STRONG

Roumanian and Russian Armies Are Likely to Hold Invaders Back on New Line—Stopped in Dobrudja.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The reforming of Roumania's forces, reinforced by Russian troops, along a new line marked by the rivers Sereth and Danube, and stoppage of the German offensive along this almost impregnable front, is the development in the Far Eastern fighting looked for here.

The enemy's Dobrudja advance is now practically at a standstill. It is pointed out that the Germans have now almost reached the marshy lake territory along the Danube, and their advance here will be so impeded by natural obstacles that defence by the Russians will be easy.

Along the line of the river Sereth, to which point it is assumed here the [illegible] Roumanian army was sent for reformation, natural advantages also favor the defenders.

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TORONTO, Dec. 29.—Two sentences of 18 months each to be served at the reformatory have been imposed upon George Chapelle, found guilty of wife desertion and bigamy. Chapelle left his wife and two children and recently went through a form of marriage with Miss May Gray at Mount Dennis.

EMBARGO LIFTED

Grand Trunk Railway Finds Itself Better Able to Handle Grain Traffic

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—The embargo on flour, wheat and other grain coming into Canada from the United States was lifted yesterday by the Grand Trunk Railway.

J. Duval, superintendent of car service, whose attention was drawn to a report that the United Farmers of Ontario had complained to Sir Henry Drayton that they were unable to obtain delivery of feed corn, said that the very heavy traffic in material required for war purposes, as well as in coal, had brought about a congestion which had made it essential to place an embargo on some requirements; but, where it had been found possible to handle the grain traffic at points on the Grand Trunk system, the embargo had been, as far as possible, modified. The bad weather had also contributed to the congestion, but conditions had now improved and it seemed likely that there would be little trouble in the future in this direction.

USE CANADIAN LUMBER

More Articles for War Purposes to Be Made From Forest Product of Dominion

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—"Canadian lumber exporters will be glad to learn the decision of the War Office to make larger use of Canadian woods in the future manufacture of articles required for war purposes," The Gazette's correspondent in London cables.

"This agreement is the outcome of representations made by Sir George Perley, who put the lumbermen's case strongly before the authorities, more especially as regards red and white pine. Specimens, prices and samples of pine were submitted to the War Office, with the result that an inspector of equipment and supplies has furnished for the merchants' guidance lists of 48 articles in which the use of Canadian woods will be provided for in the specifications governing their manufacture."

DEATH SUMMONS HON. T. CASGRAIN

Postmaster-General Passes Away After Brief Illness of Pneumonia--Career in Legal and Political Fields.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster General of the Dominion, died here this morning. His death came as a great shock to the capital, and was due to an attack of pneumonia which developed only recently. The minister grew worse with alarming rapidity, and late yesterday afternoon a consultation of doctors was held, when it was realised that the condition of the patient was serious.

Hon. Mr. Casgrain had resided at the Capital since 1914, when he became Postmaster General, succeeding Hon.. L. P. Pelletier. He was a great personal favorite with his colleagues of the Government, members, officials and everyone with whom he came into contact. He was in his 65th year.

Illness Brief

The cause of Mr. Casgrain's illness was a cold which he contracted while on a visit to New York. After his return, although not feeling well, he went to Quebec to keep an engagement, returning to the Capital on Thursday last. He intended to go to Montreal for the Christmas holidays, but found himself unable to do so, and on Friday last took to his bed. Pneumonia developed on Tuesday, and from that day the condition of the minister grew so steadily worse that the last rites of the church were administered.

During last night Dr. Fennell, of Montreal, and Dr. McCarthy, of Ottawa, were at the bedside of Mr. Casgrain, who rallied once or twice. Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning, however, he passed away. Madame Casgrain was at his bedside at the end.

Mr. Casgrain's last public speech was delivered at the national service meeting at Quebec, when the Prime Minister spoke. It is said that on that occasion he remarked to some of his friends that he did not expect to live long.

Close Friend of Premier

The following tribute to his late colleague was given out by Sir Robert Borden this morning:

"It is with the greatest regret and sorrow that I learn of Mr. Casgrain's death. His illness was very brief, but for some months he had not been in good health. For twenty years we have been intimate friends. His conspicuous ability, high character and long experience in public affairs made him a notable figure in the political life of the country. Besides, he had a charming personality, a warm and generous nature and a most engaging manner which especially endeared him to all his intimate friends. His death is a distinct loss to the country."

The late Thomas Chase Casgrain was a member of a distinguished Quebec family. He was born in Detroit, Mich., on July 28, 1852, his father being the late Senator Charles E. Casgrain, M.D., and his mother Charlotte Mary Casgrain, daughter of Thomas Chase, of Detroit. He had a brilliant scholastic and academic career in Quebec Seminary and Laval University. He graduated from the latter with the degree of LL.L. (avec grande distinction), and the Dufferin gold medal in 1877. Six years later his alma mater gave him the degree of LL.D.

He took up the practice of his profession in Quebec and speedily became one of the leading members of the Canadian Bar. After twenty years in the Ancient Capital he moved to Montreal and for many years was head of the firm of McGibbon, Casgrain, Mitchell & Casgrain, and of Casgrain, Mitchell, McDougall & Creelman. In 1885 he was junior counsel for the Crown at the trial for high treason of Louis Riel at Regina. He had been Crown prosecutor in the district of Quebec in 1882 and the year following declined an appointment as a stipendiary magistrate for the Northwest Territories. He was created a Queen's Counsel for Canada by the Marquis of Lansdowne in 1887 and took silk at the Quebec Bar in 1899. He was batonnier of the Bar of the district of Quebec in 1894 and the same year he had the distinction of being elected batonnier-general of the Bar Association of the Province. Another honor which came to him in that year was the chairmanship of the royal commission to revise and amend the code of civil procedure. He was professor of criminal law at the University of Laval for several terms.

Prominent in Politics

All his life Mr. Casgrain was a strong Conservative, and was one of the leaders of the party in Quebec. He entered the Legislature in 1886 as member for Quebec county, sitting for it for four years, and he re-entered the House in 1892 for Montmorency County, remaining throughout that parliament, in which he was attorney-general in the de Boucherville and Taillon ministries. In 1896 he entered the House of Commons as member for Montmorency, and sat until 1904, when he was defeated. He was president of the Conservative Association of the Province of Quebec in 1909, but at all times he was an active force in the party. A fine public speaker, his voice was frequently heard in the interests of his party and its policies. In debate he was very effective, both in the House and outside. He was equally fluent in English and French, and was a polished and pleasing speaker on all occasions. As an after-dinner orator he was particularly happy. During his term of office as attorney-general he put through many important reforms, including legislation for the prevention of corrupt practices at elections, which was declared to be advanced and thorough.

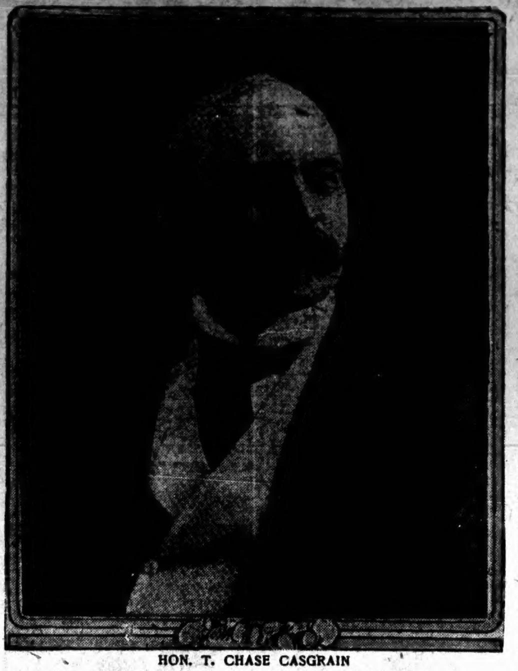
On October 20, 1914, Mr. Casgrain entered the Borden Cabinet as postmaster-general, and was elected by acclamation for Quebec County, which had been vacated by the resignation of Hon. L. P. Pelletier. Mr. Casgrain had been appointed a member of the International Joint Waterways Commission on January 11, 1909, and five years ago he was named as the chairman of the Canadian section of the commission.

In 1878 Mr. Casgrain married Marie Louise, daughter of the late Alex Le Moine, of Quebec, who died some years ago, leaving one son. In February, 1915, he married Madame Rene Masson, of Paris.

Distilleries in Ireland

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Under the terms of the arrangements of the Minister of Munitions with Irish distillers, the distillers will be allowed to continue making whiskey up to the limit of seven-tenths of the produce of last year. The production of Irish whiskey will then cease, the distilleries passing into the hands of the Government.

Is Victim of Pneumonia



HON. T. CHASE CASGRAIN
The Postmaster-General of the Dominion died yesterday

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Today's list of casualties follows:

Infantry

(Previously Reported Died of Wounds; Now Killed in Action)
Pte. A. F. Tolfrey, England.
Cpl. R. R. Thompson, Vancouver.
(Previously Reported Missing, Believed Killed; Now Killed in Action)
Pte. W. Hounsell, Steelton, Ont.
(Died of Wounds)
Cpl. D. W. Robinson, Jeffreys, N.B.
(Died)
Pte. J. Reid, Scotland.
Cpl. E. J. Lakey, Toronto.
Pte. E. H. Creed, England.
(Previously Reported Dangerously Ill; Now Died)
Pte. L. Kendall, Tofield, Alta.
Pte. P. Kennedy, Stirling, Ont.
(Previously Reported Missing; Now Believed Killed in Action)
Pte. A. Campbell, Scotland.
Pte. M. Sawell, Fitzroy Harbor, Ont.
(Missing)
Pte. C. Kingston, England.
Pte. F. W. Roberts, Cobourg, Ont.
(Previously Reported Missing; Now Missing, Believed Wounded)
Lieut. Allan Shortt, Brockville, Ont.
(Previously Reported Wounded; Now Wounded and Missing)
Pte. J. Kelly, England.
(Dangerously Ill)
Pte. W. Abel, England.
(Seriously Ill)
Pte. G. Allenson, Sherbrooke, Que.
Pte. H. Simpson, Vancouver.
Pte. C. Meadows, Toronto.
(Unofficially Prisoner of War)
Pte. J. F. Vance, Bass River, N.S.
(Dangerously Wounded)
Pte. A. McCormick, Sydney, N.S.
Pte. T. Gyotoku, Vancouver.
Pte. S. G. Hobson, Galt, Ont.
Pte. Samuel Ramsden, Kerrisdale, B.C.
(Seriously Wounded)
Lieut. A. A. Macdougall, Vancouver.
(Wounded)
Lieut. L. W. Black, Maitland, N.B.
Lieut. A. Malcolm, Winnipeg.
Lieut. V. Morris, Summerside, P.E.I.
Lieut. W. J. Howard, England.

Mounted Rifles

(Previously Reported Missing; Now Killed in Action)
Pte. G. E. Bothwell, Perth, Ont.

(Artillery)

(Severely Wounded)
Capt. C. W. Baker, Toronto.

FIRE TRAGEDY IN B. C. VILLAGE

House in Chase Set Ablaze by Intoxicated Man—Father and Three Children Dead; Mother Badly Burned.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., Dec. 29.—Between seven and eight o'clock last night the village of Chase, about forty miles from here, was set in a whirl of excitement by the blaze of a house on fire a small distance off the main street. A tragedy, the like of which has scarcely been known in the neighborhood, was unravelled almost as soon as the outbreak had been discovered.

The head of the house, James Chaters, apparently arrived home about 7 o'clock and demanded liquor. On failure of his wife to produce it, and while partly under the influence of drink, Chaters either wilfully upset the lamp or deliberately threw it on the ground. In an instant the burning liquid from the broken vessel spread all over the floor and flames burst out in all directions, climaxing in an explosion.

Three children, all under the age of three years, as well as the father, were burned to death before assistance arrived on the scene. Mrs. Chaters lies in the hospital in a serious condition resulting from burns and injuries caused in escaping through the window.

An inquest was held this afternoon with the obvious verdict.

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FIERCE BATTLES IN WALLACHIA

Russian and Roumanian Forces Offer Determined Resistance to Teutonic Armies—Reported Generally Successful.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Violent fighting took place between Russian troops and forces of the Central Powers yesterday in Central Roumania. In the region of Amara, according to the Russian official statement issued today, a Teuton force 35,000 men strong, launched an attack on the Russian lines. The battle continued until evening when the engagements slackened. In the sector of Rimnik-Sarat and Boldu all the attacks of the invaders were repulsed by the Russians. The text of the statement reads:

"Roumanian front—The enemy attacked the Roumanians on the front north and south of the River Kasino, near the Roumanian frontier and west of Govesha, and pressed them back one verst to the eastward.

"In the region of Kioshdeni and Kostomira, thirty and fifteen verst, respectively, north of Rimnik-Sarat, battles are proceeding and attacks have been beaten back by the Roumanians.

Fighting Is Severe

"Roumanian and our own detachments, which have occupied positions on the left bank of the River Rimnik, gallantly repulsed with counter-attacks all enemy attacks.

"All attacks on the sector from the railway near Rimnik-Sarat to Boldu, southeast of Rimnik Sarat, were repulsed. The enemy was overthrown by our energetic counter-attacks.

"In the course of the day the enemy about two divisions strong, conducted attacks in the direction of Amara station, ten versts to the south of Boldu. Towards evening the battle slackened.

"Near Filipechti station, an enemy attack was repulsed by us. Elsewhere there were artillery attacks.

"Dobrudja—Along the whole front the enemy conducted attacks against our patrol guards."

Austro-German forces continue to advance at several points on the Moldavia frontier, says the Russian official statement issued today. Battles are in progress for domination of the heights held by the Russians and Roumanians to the east of Sesmezo. The statement reads:

"Western front—Attempts made by the enemy scouts to approach our trenches in the region of Sidonuvki, south of Brody (Galicia) were repulsed by our fire. The enemy continues his bombardment of our positions in the region of Gukalov forest and the village of Grabovatz.

"On the Moldavian frontier, in the valley of the river Oitu the enemy's advance continues at several points. Battles are taking place for domination of the heights in the region east of Sesmezo.

"Caucasian front—There is nothing of importance."

Berlin Report

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—In Roumania yesterday Teutonic forces charged several positions, taking 1,400 prisoners, 18 machine guns and three cannon.

The advance in Wallachia has been pushed to a distance of twenty kilometres northwest of Rimnik-Sarat. The town of Ratchelu, in Dobrudja has been captured.

Labor Men Differ

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—Toronto labor men are not a unit in support of the national service regulation scheme for which cards are being distributed today. Premier Borden's assurance that he would resort to conscription only in case of dire emergency does not appear to have been sufficient. Labor organizers urge conscription of wealth before there is conscription of labor. Others claim that munition factories should be nationalized. Alderman Robbins favors conscription for single men only, while other leaders are opposed to it. Several labor organizers do not know whether labor men will fill in cards. James Simpson, labor leader and candidate for civic controller, urges labor men to sign the cards following the promises made to the labor congress executive.

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RESTRICTING LUXURIES

Government of India Prohibits Importation of Motor Cars and Motor Cycles

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch to The Times from Bombay, India, says:

"The Government of India has issued a notification prohibiting the import of motor cars and motor cycles, with the object of checking the consumption of gasoline and liberating the tonnage necessary for other commodities. Regret is expressed that the action was not taken earlier, before the large interest in American cars had sprung up.

"American cars to the number of 2,624, valued at $456,660, were imported into India between April and November, representing a large volume of shipping. It is understood that this action will result in curtailing other luxury trading, notably provisions from England. Fears are expressed that the measure may induce the curtailment of tonnage from America. American buyers have been provided hitherto with the necessary tonnage."

Dr. Ford Verrinder, dentist, has resumed practice, 303 Campbell Building. Phone 367

GERMAN VIEWS ON SOMME FIGHT

Prominent Officers Quoted as Declaring That Battle Is Ended—Say They Have Established Equilibrium.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF BAVARIA ON THE WESTERN FRONT, Friday, Dec. 22, via Berlin and London, Dec. 28, and New York, Dec. 29—(By Cyril Brown). —The battle of the Somme is officially ended. Since Nov. 14 neither the French nor the British have made any serious assaults on a large scale. One gets the paradoxical impression that a defacto armistice prevails on this formerly active front, and that the war correspondents' occupation on the Somme is gone. I spent several days gathering all available material for an obituary on this great offensive, which the Germans regard as the climax of the war. A most illuminating epitaph was supplied by Crown Prince Rupprecht's intelligence officer:

'It died of exhaustion. The fighting continued until both sides were out of breath. Only today one side stands with its mouth open and the other with its mouth closed."

Delayed Until Spring

The Crown Prince's artillery specialist, voicing the practically unanimous opinion of the whole staff, said: "The English are too stubborn and thickheaded to see the hopelessness of their offensive and give it up.

"Certain signs indicate that the French and British will not make their next and greater effort until Spring, such as the fact that the British are taking over part of the French line on the Somme, yet the Germans are nevertheless preparing against the eventuality of a resumption of the offensive in the more immediate future.

"The Somme offensive was a great battle symphony, the first notes of which sounded at the beginning of July and the last discords died in the middle of November."

This officer in summing up the combat, distinguished three general phases of movement during the struggle. First, the first ten days, during which the Allies surprised and almost overwhelmed the Germans by the magnitude of their preparations, gaining more ground than in the following five months; second, when the Entente changed slowly to a steady assault, as the Germans brought up heavy artillery and more and more infantry in a never quite successful effort to restore the equilibrium; lastly, the final stages of the offensive with the equilibrium restored.

Weird Figures

North of the Somme, a staff officer told me "we had only six divisions at the start of the offensive, against which the British hurled thirty-six. The artillery odds against the Germans in this stage were likewise approximately six to one. That was the great opportunity of the British to break us—an opportunity which will never return to them again."

The aerial odds against the Germans in this gruelling period were even greater, according to this officer, who said: "The French and British at the start of the offensive had between 500 and 600 aeroplanes on the Somme front."

This Franco-British ascendancy in the air, even more than the superiority in artillery and infantry, was a decisive factor in the first phase of the battle. The German fliers were driven from the air, flocks of French and British aeroplanes hovering with impunity over and behind the German lines.

The British efforts throughout the Somme offensive showed constantly increased power and violence to the very end. The last artillery efforts of the British in November were decidedly stronger than their first in July, while their infantry assaults were at least as violent.

Canadians and Australians invariably turned up at the fiercest centres of the battle, which the Germans hold to have been north of the Somme at Thiepval, Mouquet Farm, Delville Wood, Foureaux Wood, and the Butte de Marlencourt.

One illustration of the British resources in men and the way they were employed in the Somme battle is the list of British divisions that successively fought against one Guard division, which I copied from official reports to headquarters, placed at my disposal by the chief of staff.

Canadians and Australians

This Guard division had opposite it on August 21 the First Australian division; on August 27 the Second Australian division; on August 31 the Fourth Australian, and on Sept. 10 the First Canadian; on Sept. 16 the Fourth Canadian, with the Second and Third Canadian in reserve.

The guard division was drawn out of the Somme front on Sept. 23 and sent to another part of the front for rest. Next day the First Canadian and Fourth Australian divisions turned up opposite them.

On November 3, when sent back to the hottest corner of the Somme, the Guards found the First and Fifth Australian and Fourth Canadian divisions opposite them. On November 5 their opponents were the Second and Fourth Australians, with the Fifth Australians arriving in the afternoon. The Fifteenth English division lay in reserve, but did not attack, while the Fourth Canadian division was on the Guards' right wing, representing the heaviest odds against which the Guard fought during the battle.

On November 4, the Fifth Australians took the place of the First, and on November 22 the Second and Fourth Canadians faced the Guard, with evidence that an English Guard division was present. On November 9 the First, Second and Fifth Australian divisions were on the Guards' front.

"The Canadians were very good, particularly those first divisions," said a staff officer to me. "It was not pleasant when they bobbed up. The Australians, too, fought stubbornly and bravely, but were somewhat lacking in leadership."

Greater Efforts

The German officers think it is not a physical impossibility that the British may be able to surpass all their former efforts, but so also can the Germans, and the slight margin in favor of the British today is likely to shrink every day, it is felt, as the Germans race them in massing artillery and ammunition on the Somme. There is, moreover, a physical limit to the number of shells that can be fired and the number of guns lined up on a given front. The British batteries are already planted so thickly that the addition of many more would be suicidal, the Germans think. Then, too, it is said, the British can only increase the violence of their next artillery performance by using heavier calibres, not by increasing the number of guns.

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FLAT REFUSAL FOR PRESIDENT

Meaning of Berlin Reply as Interpreted by French Press—Teutonic Manoeuvre Unmasked by Note.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The reply of the Central Powers to President Wilson is unanimously regarded as a flat refusal. Stephen Pichon sums up the general opinion in The Petit Journal, in which he says:.

"The American note will at least have had the merit of unmasking the German manoeuvre. We now have proof that it sufficed for the neutrals to request Germany to define the peace she desires in order to place her in a dilemma.

"To begin with, Germany boasts that she is willing to make propositions all the belligerents could accept. Today, when President Wilson asks to know them she coolly demands a belligerent conference for an exchange of views. If this suggestion were accepted, we should place our fate in her hands, and that of all the nations she desires to destroy, annex or subjugate. Now, thanks to Mr. Wilson, the entire ruse of those who imagined this manouvre stands revealed."

Gustave Herve, in Victoire, after warning President Wilson and the French Socialists that a statement of the Allies' conditions will cause the Germans to resume the war with relentlessness and fury, reproaches Mr. Wilson for "having conjured up before the eyes of our unfortunate poilus the mirage of peace, which everyone with two sous' worth of judgment must know is impossible at present."

Russia's Reply

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to The Morning Post from Petrograd, dated Dec. 26, says:

"The official reply of Russia to the Berlin proposal has been formulated in agreement with her Allies and sent off to Paris. I understand all the Allies decided upon an identical wording of the reply which will eventually reach the enemy's headquarters.

"I am informed that the reply agrees in substance with the Russian declaration recently delivered by Minister of Affairs Pokovsky in the Duma. In effect this means that Germany's only chance of enjoying the peace she now seeks after springing this ambitious war upon a peaceful world lies in that form of capitulation known as unconditional surrender."

CANADIAN OFFICERS

Two Relieved From Service as Medically Unfit—Changes and Transfers Announced

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Major L. J. Daly-Gingras, general list, has returned to Canada; Lieut. J. Straith is returning to Canada, having been declared permanently unfit; Capt. R. T. MacKeen has been declared permanently unfit.

Lieut. W. W. Smith has resigned his commission in the C.E.F.

Nursing Sister A. N. Dancey, C.A.M.C., has been granted permission to resign her commission in the C.E.F.

Lieut. F. E. Edmonson has been attached to the 32nd Battalion; Lieut. A. W. Kerr has been attached to the Reserve Brigade, C.F.A.; Lieut. H. M. B. Inglis has been attached to the 11th Battalion.

Capt. O. F. C. Porteous, 2nd Canadian Division, is posted to the general list, and attached to headquarters.

Lieut. H. C. Hawtrey, 39th Battalion, is posted to the Canadian Military School.

CONSCIENCE TARDY

Man Who Stole Pair of Gum Boots Takes Eight Years to Return Them—Now Well Worn

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Hon. Frank Cochrane is in possession of a pair of rubber boots, hip length. They came at Christmas. The Minister is in doubt as to whether the donor of the footwear has a sense of humer in keeping with the delicacy of his conscience.

There was a letter with the boots. It stated that the sender, "miserable sinner that I am," stole them while working on a wing dam at Revelstoke, B.C., eight years ago. Regretting that he was "far from the grace of God" at the time of the theft, and desiring to have a clear conscience before returning to his home in Nova Scotia for Christmas, the man determined to make "restitution."

But the boots are in an advanced stage of decrepitude, having seemingly seen continuous service during the whole of the eight years which have elapsed since the theft.

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Saturday, December 30, 1916

REGISTRATION CARDS

The distribution of the National Service Registration cards was begun in this part of Vancouver Island yesterday, when the postmen throughout the city left three of them at each house. The distribution will be completed next week. Our advice to all who are within the ages specified on the cards, 18 to 65, is to fill the cards immediately on receipt and mail them. Nothing whatever is to be gained by delaying, neglecting or refusing to do so. It is thought desirable by the Federal authorities to have this enrollment of the manhood of Canada, and if it is not secured in this way some other plan will have to be adopted. There is nothing in the twenty-four questions asked that can by any construction be called inquisitorial, nothing that any reasonable person might properly feel he ought not to answer. The answers impose no obligation upon the person signing the card, except in an implied way. Question 23 is: "Would you be willing to change your present work for other necessary work at the same pay during the war?" and Question 24 is: "Are you willing, if your railway fare is paid, to leave where you now live and go to any other place in Canada to do such work?" Affirmative answers to these questions imposes an implied obligation on the signatory, but it is not absolutely binding. They would not authorize any person to insist upon the signatory doing the things which he expresses a willingness to do, although there would undoubtedly rest upon him a moral obligation to make good his word.

We urge every man between the ages specified to fill up a card without any delay. It is not much for the Government to ask. It is only a small contribution to what those who have investigated the needs of the country think will be a useful aid to national efficiency.

LOOSENING UP

It is very satisfactory to see that General Maurice, Director at the War Office of Military Operations, has of late been taking the public into his confidence in respect to the progress of the war. The reticence that has prevailed for the most part hitherto was calculated to create the impression that British officialdom looked upon the war as a sort of private matter about which the public, who supply the men and treasure, ought to be kept in as near a state of absolute ignorance as possible. The result has been hurtful, especially among neutrals, for it has led many people to think that the British army was not doing its duty, and thus strengthened the contention of German agents. It may be mentioned in passing that there has been prevalent in Seattle for some time a pretty general opinion that the British soldiers in France were being held in reserve and that the whole burden of fighting was being thrown upon the Canadians. The object of the circulation of this baseless slander, which was of German origin, was to defeat the recruiting campaigns in the Dominion, for if such a report could be got into circulation here it would undoubtedly have the effect desired. Fortunately this ruse was started too late to do any real harm. But this reticence on the part of the War Department and the general indifference of British officialdom to neutral opinion has undoubtedly worked to the disadvantage of our cause. We are very glad to see evidence of a new departure.

General Maurice has explained the situation on the Somme. Explanation was needed. The promise had been made that the offensive would be continued through the Winter, and yet we saw a very pronounced lull in operations, while our Allies, the French, were doing vigorous and successful fighting before Verdun. No doubt there arose in many minds a question as to the reason why this activity was not accompanied by a strong offensive on the Somme. General Maurice gives the explanation. The tremendously violent bombardment which accompanied the advance, had made the surface of the country a honeycomb of shell holes, which the rains filled with water. Over such ground it was impossible to move large bodies of troops or transport artillery. The weather was not very cold, and yet was sufficiently so to lead to the formation of fogs, and these prevented aerial scouting for the direction of artillery fire. On the other hand, before Verdun conditions were more favorable, and the French were able to assume the offensive on a large scale. To assist them in doing this, our troops occupied an additional section of the extreme Western line, and additional French troops were thereby rendered available for the Verdun operations. This statement, which is wholly satisfactory, has not come a day too soon. It gives the public a satisfactory explanation of something that needed to be explained. We trust this new departure will not be changed, and that henceforth the operations of our troops will not be masked behind a veil of secrecy which hid nothing from the enemy and only kept our own people and neutrals in a dangerous state of ignorance.

THE WAR AND PEACE

There was very little news either of the war or peace yesterday. In Roumania our Allies report having compelled the retirement of the enemy. There has been some heavy artillery firing along the Italian frontier, but no notable results appear to have been accomplished.

There has been no progress made in the direction of peace and the general opinion seems to be that President Wilson has, without intending it, placed Germany in a very awkward position. The reply of Berlin to the President's note appears to have angered the American people, who were rather gratified to see the head of their nation take a line of action which seemed in keeping with their ideas of the country's dignity. Germany's reply is a good deal like a slap in the face. Prussian diplomacy always was brutal and blundering. It is actuated by an assumption of superiority, which would be amusing, if it was not so dangerous to the peace of the world.

ICONOCLASM

An American publisher announces that he has secured the services of an author who will re-write Dickens so as to produce something the public will buy. There is an old story of a king who heard that one of his subjects had been able to produce malleable glass, and summoned him into his presence. The flattered inventor came, bringing with him an exhibition of his handicraft, and having dropped it to the floor, thereby bending it out of shape, picked it up and restored the original form by means of a hammer. The king asked if anyone else knew the secret, and being answered in the negative directed the execution of the inventor, for he said: "This will make gold and silver valueless." We hope someone will catch that publisher and his author and serve him in a similar way. Of course since the Protestant Episcopal Church has undertaken to rewrite the Ten Commandments, there may be no reason for drawing the line at Dickens. Not long ago a condensed edition of this author's works was placed on the market. It was our intention to enter a protest at the time but in the hurry of other things this was forgotten. A condensation was bad enough in all conscience, but a re-write is an abomination.

The plot of a story by Dickens is a secondary thing. The great strength of his productions lies in his perfect delineations of character, his insight into human nature, his wonderful consistency, his high sense of humor, his flashing wit, his marvellous pathos. People who cannot appreciate these things, do not deserve to know Dickens at all. The next thing we know we shall hear of a publisher who has found a music writer who will produce The Messiah as a revue or the productions of Lizt, Chaminade and Wagner as rag-time. Is nothing to be safe from these iconoclasts?

THE MAYORALTY

A very favorable impression was created by the brief interview with Alderman Porter, which The Colonist was able to print yesterday. The alderman is a candidate for the mayoralty, which fact lends great importance to what he may say on municipal matters. He very properly directs attention to the lack of sustained interest in civic matters on the part of the citizens. Now and then we have sporadic outbursts of seemingly deep concern as to how the affairs of the city are being carried on, but these are short-lived, and the people soon settle down to their normal indifference. Alderman Porter thinks the remedy for this is greater publicity, and in this he is absolutely right. Civic government almost everywhere is characterized by more or less secrecy. City councils, boards of control, or whatever the governing bodies may be called, seem very often, indeed we might say always obsessed with the idea that the city's business is their business alone, and if the citizens wish any information about it, they are showing unreasonable curiosity. They regard criticism as an infraction of their high prerogatives. The searchlight of investigation may be turned upon the Imperial Government, the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, and nobody objects; but when it is directed upon a municipal government all manner of protests are made. There has been a very remarkable illustration of this recently in Montreal. If Alderman Porter becomes mayor he will invite criticism of civic business, and in order that this may be intelligent and therefore useful, he proposes to encourage publicity and as a beginning to favor an independent audit of the city's accounts.

A member of the City Council is only a temporary agent for the people, and he ought to endeavor to administer his trust in accordance with what he has reason to believe is the desire of the citizens. The Council is no place for faddists; no place for men so determined to have their own way that they will persist in efforts to obtain it, no matter at what cost to the ratepayers and inconvenience to the general public. Election to the office of mayor or alderman carries with it no special qualification to determine what is best for the community, although it does enable a self-willed man sometimes to force the city into doing something which it ought not to do or to refrain from doing what it should do. We have had not a few instances of this in the past, and for that reason we are glad to know that in Alderman Porter the citizens will have a candidate for the mayoralty, who will regard that position as one to be exercised in accordance with the sound public opinion which can only be developed by the fullest publicity.

THE LATE MR. CASGRAIN

The death of Mr. Thomas Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General, has removed from public life in Canada a gentleman who enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him. His position in the Borden ministry was not one to bring him conspicuously before the public, but he was an efficient administrator. In the earlier part of his career he was much more in evidence, and gained for himself a reputation for efficiency and high-mindedness of no ordinary kind. He was a scholarly man, very gentle in his manner, a fine type of a French-Canadian gentleman.

A TORONTO INCIDENT

In Toronto recently some soldiers were given a route march in a blinding snowstorm, and a young man watching them exclaimed: "What fools." A row was forthwith started, but was quickly quelled when the young man explained that he had been discharged from the army after seven months' service in the trenches, and that his remark was intended to apply to the officer who had ordered the men to be subjected to needless exposure. Some one asked him if the men would not have even worse experiences at the front, and he replied in the affirmative and said that such experiences were followed in many cases by incapacitation of the men, and he could not see the use in exposing men to needless risks under the delusion that they were thereby being prepared for what they might have to do. That young man's head is screwed on right.

THE TERMINAL AREA

The application by the Aetna Iron and Steel Company, Ltd., for a site on the terminal area on which to erect a plant, which was heard by the Premier yesterday, furnishes additional evidence of the importance of having that valuable tract of land made at the earliest possible day more accessible than it now is. The advantages attaching to sites there are many and varied, and, as there is certain to be a great industrial revival on the Pacific Coast immediately after peace has been secured, no time ought to be lost in getting this tract ready for use.

In view of what we have recently said as to the desirability of the representatives of the city taking an active part in all efforts to bring about the utizilation of the terminal area, it is a pleasure to have been able to chronicle that they assisted in the presentation of the case made by the above-mentioned company.

A 2½-CENT PIECE

There is a demand in the East for the coinage of a 2½-cent piece. We can understand why such a desire might be expressed out here on the Coast, where if you offer a little child a few cents, you are likely to be asked if you have not some "real money," but that a 2½-cent piece should be called for in regions where the humble cent is in constant circulation, and in not a few cases is the maximum limit to a church contribution on Sunday, does not seem very clear. What these people really want is a ½-cent piece. There used to be such a coin in Nova Scotia in pre-Confederation days, but the only excuse we ever heard given for its existence was that for a cent you could buy more of certain commodities than any person could possibly use at one time. The reason given for the fractional cent nowadays is not the cheapness but the dearness of things. "We have no coin intermediate between a cent and five cents," say the advocates of the new issue. But they have. They have 2, 3 and 4 cents. What they mean is that they have no coin intermediary between 1 and 2 cents. "We are robbed," they say, "because merchants mark goods at 5 cents when they would sell them for 2½ cents if there were such a coin." Why do not the merchants mark them at 3 cents? We are reminded of the old Dutch justice of the peace, who, when a sour visaged old maiden lady wished to lay a complaint against a young man for kissing her, said: "Go 'way. You brag."

SAVING PAPER

A movement has been inaugurated in various parts of this Continent for the saving of paper, and we understand steps in that direction are to be taken in Victoria, the paper so saved to be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross. The waste of paper is something enormous, not taking into account the nice, clean material that is covered with printed matter which is useless or worse. It is said that about 30 per cent of the paper made in the United States is wasted, that is, is not put to any good use. The amount that is destroyed after having been used once is simply enormous everywhere. By far the greater number of newspapers more than a day old are burned. Wrapping paper is rarely saved. One reason for this is that, while in every household a great deal of paper is destroyed, the amount is insufficient in the very great majority of cases to be worth saving for the reason that no one has as yet found it worth his while to collect it. We are told that the Red Cross can sell old paper for $15 a ton, which is three-quarters of a cent a pound. The ordinary daily issue of The Colonist or The Times weighs 4 ounces. We have no means of telling the number of papers, local and otherwise, which are circulated in Victoria in the course of a month, but do not think the number will fall short of 800,000, which at an average weight of 4 ounces each would come to 200,000 pounds, or 100 tons. At $15 a ton this would mean $1,500. It seems therefore quite safe to say that if the waste newspapers alone could be collected they would give the Red Cross a monthly income of $1,000.

The Vancouver World said that Victoria had 10 inches of snow; the Meteorological Office said the fall was one-tenth of an inch. The discrepancy doubtless arises from the fact that our contemporary's linotypes do not set such fractions as one-tenths and so the compositor made it 10 and let it go at that.

The report that Emperor Carl of Austria will endeavor to arrange a separate peace with Italy may be very well-founded. That he is likely to be successful is quite another matter. Italy well knows that any concessions Austria might be willing to make would be worthless in the event of a Teutonic victory. If the Emperor attempts a rapprochement with Italy, it will probably be only a first step to the breaking of the alliance with Germany.

That failure to negotiate a peace on her own terms will lead Germany to renew her submarine campaign in an absolutely ruthless manner is confidently believed in prominent circles at Washington. Perhaps this is the explanation of Secretary Lansing's statement that the President's note was written because the United States is on the verge of war.

The following lines were written by a British soldier in the battle line:

TO MY MOTHER

If I should fall, grieve not that one
so weak
And poor as I
Should die.
Nay, though thy heart should break
Think only this: that when at dusk
they speak
Of sons and brothers of another one,
Then thou canst say: "I too had a son;
He died for England's sake!"

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Flora Mann, of 3165 Emma Street, entertained a number of her girl friends yesterday afternoon at a delightful informal tea. She was assisted in receiving and entertaining by the Misses Annie Main and Clara Armstrong. Dainty refreshments were served at a table effectively arranged in pink and white, combined with holly, a miniature Christmas tree occupying the centre. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in fancy work and music.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Arnold, of Toronto, Ont., are visitors in the city on route to Seattle and other cities on the Pacific Coast, where the Winter months will be spent.

Miss Jean Robertson, of Vancouver, who spent the Christmas holidays in Victoria, has returned home.

Mr. Harold Jamieson, of Seattle, left yesterday afternoon for home after a short holiday spent in this city with friends.

Miss Elizabeth Short, of Edmonton, Alta., after spending the past two weeks in this city visiting friends, left yesterday on the SS. President for Los Angeles, where she will spend the Winter months.

Miss H. McLean, of Nanaimo, passed through here en route to Vancouver, where she will spend the week-end visiting friends.

Miss Vera Chasteney arrived here yesterday from Nelson. She was joined en route by Mr. George Chasteney, who is also spending the holiday season on the Coast.

The many friends of Mr. C. N. Tubman will be pleased to hear that he is progressing favorably at the Jubilee Hospital.

Mr. H. G. Gregory-Allen, of Sechelt, B.C., is spending the week-end in this city with his mother.

Mr. E. A. Gregory-Allen, formerly of the Imperial Bank at Fernie, after spending a short holiday in this city with his parents will leave for Vancouver to where he has been transferred.

Mrs. Robert Gordon, accompanied by her son, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. V. McConnell, of this city, left yesterday on the SS. President for Los Angeles, where they will spend several months visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. DuPree, of this city, left yesterday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the Winter visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Strand, of Victoria, left yesterday afternoon for New York, where they will spend several weeks visiting friends. They will return home via Montreal and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mrs. R. Jennings, of Vancouver, after spending the past few days in this city, left yesterday for home.

Miss E. J. Spink, Michigan Street, left yesterday for Curlew, Wash., where she will spend a short vacation.

Mr. W. H. Logrie and Mr. James Robertson, of Victoria, left yesterday on the SS. President for San Francisco, where they will spend a short holiday.

Mrs. Cheeke and Mrs. Oldham have returned to their home in Cobble Hill after a short visit to this city.

Mr. F. D. McNaughton and Mrs. McNaughton, of Brooks, Alta., are spending a short vacation visiting Victoria and Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Kilpatrick, after spending the past two weeks visiting the Coast, have returned to their home in Revelstoke.

Miss Peggy Bell and Mr. Fred Bell, are visitors in this city from Anyox.

Miss Zelma Bragg, of Vancouver, is spending the week-end in this city visiting friends.

Mrs. Cowie, of Prince Rupert, is a visitor in this city for a short time.

Mr. George Heggie, of Vernon, is spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria. Before returning home he will spend a short time in Seattle.

Mr. T. C. Yeatman and Mrs. Yeatman, of Valdes Island, after spending a few days in this city visiting friends have returned home.

Mr. C. A. Greene and Mrs. Greene, of Port Alberni, are spending the holidays in this city visiting friends.

Mr. L. W. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton, of Vancouver, after visiting friends in this city for the past week, have returned home.

Mrs. C. J. Carroll, of Victoria, left yesterday on the SS. President for San Francisco, where she will spend the Winter months with relatives.

Miss S. C. Kennedy, of Toronto, is spending a few days in this city en route to California, where she intends to spend the Winter.

Miss Mary Ross, of this city, is among the passengers who sailed on the SS. President for Los Angeles. She intends to spend the Winter months in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Storey, of Calgary, who have been spending the past three weeks visiting Victoria, Vancouver and other Coast cities, left yesterday on the SS. President for Los Angeles to spend the Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler, of this city, are spending the holidays in Vancouver, with their daughter, Mrs. J. D. McNiven, 1161 Comox Street. Advantage will be taken of their visit to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, which took place at Sapperton, B.C., on January 25, 1867. They are still hale and hearty. Mr. Butler has been in the employ of the Government of British Columbia for over fifty-four years in the capacity of a printer, and is still able to hold his place in the art preservative with any of the boys. Four members of the family reside in Vancouver, they being Mr. Robert Butler, assistant deputy postmaster; Mr. Fred Butler, Mrs. J. D. McNiven and Mrs. F. S. Findlay. Miss Ethel Butler, of this City, and Miss Edith Butler, of Portland, Ore., are also visitors to wish their parents many happy returns of the anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Spencer, of Nanaimo, after a short visit to this city, left for Vancouver, where they will spend the week-end with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wolstencroft, of Summerland, B.C., are spending the next two weeks visiting Victoria, Vancouver and other Coast cities.

On Thursday last, at their home on Easter Road, Saanich, Mr. and Mrs. T. Staples celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. Both husband and wife were born in Wiltshire, England, and for many years resided in the City of Salisbury. About seven years ago they decided to join their daughter at Woodstock, Ontario, and came on to Victoria soon after. Of their seven children, one son is on patrol duty on the Atlantic coast, and another is serving with the Royal Engineers in France. Early this year one of their grandsons left Victoria with a draft for the Royal Canadian Regiment, and soon after his arrival in France he was wounded at the Battle of the Somme. In spite of their advanced age both Mr. and Mrs. Staples enjoy good health, and until quite recently, Mr. Staples was engaged on the Saanich waterworks.

Mayor Stewart will hold the usual New Year's reception for all callers at his home, 1611 Belcher Street, from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Premier Brewster and the members of the Cabinet will be at home on Monday afternoon in the new library quarters in the Legislative Buildings from 4 to 5:30 o'clock.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Never Out of Print

"John," said his wife, "I have a conundrum for you. Why am I like a popular story?"

"Because everybody admires you."

"That isn't the answer."

"What is it, then?"

"Because—and she glanced at her calico dress—I'm never out of print."

Then, in spite of war times, he could do nothing else but stump up for a new costume.

The Lone Subscriber

Apropos of H. G. Wells' association with W. E. Henley, he tells me an amusing, although somewhat pathetic little story. The New Review was not exactly a successful production, and one day Mr. Wells and Mr. Henley were in the office of the magazine, gloomily discussing its prospects, when a funeral went by in the street outside. Henley looked out of the window and regarded the cortege for a moment in silence. Then he turned to his companion and said with a worried frown: "Can that be our subscriber?"

Safety in Looseness

"I have here," said the agent, "a utensil that no housekeeper can afford to be without."

"What is it," asked the woman at the door.

"It's a combined corkscrew, can-opener, pocket-knife, screwdriver, tack hammer, glass cutter and——"

"Hold on a minute. I don't want one of those things."

"Why not?"

"By keeping all those tools separate it is impossible for my husband to lose more than one at a time."

Patients Tomorrow

A young suburban doctor, whose practice was not very great, sat in his study reading away a hazy afternoon in early Summer. His manservant appeared at the door.

"Doctor, them boys is stealin' your green peaches again. Shall I chase them away?"

The doctor looked thoughtful for a moment, then leveled his eyes at the servant.

"No," he said.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, December 30, 1866)

Mayor Macdonald, we hear, will decline the proferred seat in the Legislative Council. We hope so. Mr. Macdonald stands high in the public estimation, and it would be a pity to see him neglect his civic duties and jeopardize his popularity by the acceptance of an office not within the gift of the people.

The Enterprise returned from New Westminster on Saturday evening. Among the passengers were Judge Elliott, Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dickinson, Mr. Robert Burnaby, Mr. Lamb and Mr. F. J. Barnard. The river boats having laid up for the Winter, there was no communication with up-country except by canoe.

Mr. Parker, engineer of the Fuca Straits Coal Mine, arrived in town last night, and reports that the seam is increasing in width and the coal improving in quality.

The ball of the Union Hook and Ladder Company, last evening, at St. Nicholas Hall, was a highly successful affair and the dancing was kept up until an early hour this morning. The music, which was furnished by Messrs. Sandrie, Palmer, Wilson, Bagbell and others, was very fine.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

COWICHAN

The annual Indian entertainment held in the Methodist Mission Church at Koksilah was attended, in spite of the very miserable weather, by a large number of Indians and several whites. Refreshments were provided by some of the ladies of the Duncan Methodist Church, also from the mission band of Somenos Church. This assistance, which was rendered to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dockstader, was an important factor in assuring the success of the programme. An address was given by the Rev. J. J. Nixon, Duncan. Some of the Indians, including T. James, J. Elliott, George Quakatson and Manson George, delivered addresses, as did the missionary in charge. One pleasing feature of the event, and much appreciated, was the rendering of the song, translated into Chinook: "It's a long way to Tipperary." It was given by four of the girls from the Koksilah school (white) and was heartily encored. At the conclusion of the programme votes of thanks were moved by T. James to the ladies and white visitors who had so kindly given their assistance, also by J. Elliott to the visiting pupils of the Koksilah day school who had taken part, to Mr. Nixon for his address and, finally, to Mr. and Mrs. Dockstader, for their efforts on behalf of the Indians. These were all heartily endorsed by the audience in the usual way.

With due ceremonial the new Indian Shaker Church, which has been erected on the north side of the Koksilah Cowichan Bay Road, was opened last Sunday morning. About 300 Indians had assembled there from all parts of the Island and Washington. The dedication was performed by Johnny Johnson, a missionary from Toppinsh, Wash. George Q. Jack, Gate, Wash., general secretary of the Indian Shaker Church, represented Bishop Peter Heck, and took part in the ceremonies, as did the pastor in charge, Peter Joe. To Peter Joe's energy the establishment of the church is very considerably due. The building, measuring 30 x 60, was begun some two years ago, and, when completely finished, it will have cost in the neighborhood of $2,000. The Indian Shaker denomination was founded some thirty-four years ago by John Slocum, an Indian, then living at Skookum Bay, Wash. There are today in Washington and on the Island twenty-two churches, and the membership on the Island is 200. Delegates from all these churches were present at Sunday's gathering. They left for their homes on Tuesday. Mr. Jack stated that the religion was aimed at promoting sobriety, temperance and morality among the Indians. They opposed the old rites and potlaches and were striving to elevate the Indian so that he might gradually take his rightful place in civilization.

NANAIMO

Nanaimo newspapers are following the lead of the newspapers of Victoria and Vancouver and after January 1 will charge for all publicity in connection with club, church or lodge meetings, teas, garden parties, concerts, socials and even funeral notices.

Mr. Crawford Bennie, formerly of Nanaimo, is dead in California.

The annual Christmas tree of the Chase River Sunday school was held last night.

Mrs. Robert Rowbottom, of Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Goldsborough, is spending the holiday week with relatives and friends in Nanaimo.

Referring to the decision of the retail clerks of Nanaimo favoring a change in the half-holiday from Thursday to Wednesday, The Nanaimo Herald says editorially: "The employees are to be congratulated on their reasonableness and their consideration for the interests of their employers. Wednesday was originally the weekly half-holiday in Nanaimo. Later it was changed to Thursday because of the fact that the trains between Nanaimo and Wellington ran every alternate day, and Wednesday was one of the days on which there was a train from Wellington to Nanaimo. There is the same business objection to Thursday at the present time. Thursday is creamery day, when all the farmers from the district come in with their cream. They cannot all get through with their business at the creamery in time to get down and do their shopping before the stores close. Neither can they afford to take another day to come into town, so that the closing of the stores on Thursday afternoon not only means a loss of business to the merchant, but is a serious inconvenience to the farmers. Indeed some of the latter feel it so much that they are saying that the local merchants do not want their business. This, of course, is a mistake, as they will readily admit when they see the proposal to change the half-holiday from Thursday to Wednesday. The merchants' employees are to be commended on the reasonable spirit they have shown throughout on this question of the half-holiday. They naturally desire to retain their half-holiday, but at the same time are willing to take it on a day which will least interfere with business. The farmers of the district are entitled to all the consideration they can get, and from a straight business point of view they are a considerable asset to the city. Everything possible should be done to secure their trade for the town, and the proposed change from Thursday to Wednesday for the city half-holiday should go a long way to build up a profitable reciprocal business."

Mrs. T. Lewis, of Kennedy Street, Nanaimo, has received word that her brother, James Davis, was killed in France during October. The deceased soldier, who was serving in the Royal Horse Artillery, had been at the front since the commencement of the war, and had previously been wounded. He was a widower, and leaves three young daughters, who are thus orphaned. His three brothers are still serving, one at Salonica and two in France.

QUALICUM DISTRICT

Mr. F. D. Whitmee has resigned from the Qualicum Beach School Board.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Boyd, of the Qualicum Hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glahome have returned from Victoria, where they spent their Christmas vacation.

About 100 "National Service" cards have been distributed by Postmaster Bunting in the Qualicum Beach Post Office district.

Business this Winter at Qualicum Beach is reported as showing a decided improvement over last Winter, as the operation of the Qualicum Sawmill Co. and the Qualicum Lumber Co. has provided employment for a considerable proportion of the men of the district. Government relief work so far has been conspicuous by its absence. It is to be hoped that a further snowfall will not militate against the continuous operations at either or both of the mills.

About a couple of months ago a large white and speckled snow owl was shot by Mr. Harry Ryder and brought to Mr. C. J. Barthorpe, the Qualicum taxidermist, to be stuffed and mounted. The big bird, however, seemed to revive somewhat on being brought indoors, and, under Mr. Barthorpe's care, is still alive and seemingly well and hearty. Judging from its objection to crow as a diet and its prelediction for chicken, it is apparently well able to sit up and take notice of its food.

Mrs. A. H. Marriott, of "Newlands," has returned from Victoria.

CUMBERLAND

"The Festival of Happy Days" was given at the Christmas concert of the Cumberland Methodist Sunday school last night.

Mr. William McFadgen has been transferred from the Cumberland to the Chilliwack branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Miss L. Loden, of Cumberland, has been spending her holidays in Nanaimo.

The Only Question

The only professor was delivering the last lecture of the term. He told the students with much emphasis that he expected them to devote all their time in preparing for the final examination.

"The examination papers are now in the hands of the printer," he concluded. "Now, is there any question you would like answered?"

Silence prevailed for a moment, then a voice piped up:

"Who is the printer?"

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Mayor Stewart Receives Letter Telling What Australian Lads Who Were Here Recently Did on Return Home.

With the exception of two medically unfit, every member of the company of Australia cadets who toured Canada, and spent a few days in Victoria early in the year, has enlisted for active service. This information is given Mayor Stewart in a letter which reached him yesterday from Mr. Arthur Coyne, secretary of the Young Australian League, under whose auspices the trip was made.

"As the Christmas season is coming on us our thoughts more frequently are travelling towards the Land of the Maple Leaf and the many friends we made there," writes Mr. Coyne. 'During our travels we gathered such a store of impressions of your wonderful Dominion that we feel we shall carry them to the end of our lives. Prominent among those we carried away were the many kindnesses received from your hands and the evidences of your wholehearted interest in our well-being.

"You are, of course, like all loyal citizens of our Empire, much concerned in the part the members of our contingent are playing in the war. Immediately we returned home our memorable group disbanded, and every lad who could be of any service in the Expeditionary Force then enlisted. Some of them are already in the firing line, while the rest are in the various camps of training. Our leader, Major Simons, is on the administration staff of the headquarters of the Blackboy Hill Camp, which is the largest training centre on the Western half of the continent. Our advance manager, Mr. Ernest Chacklock, has qualified for a commission and now carries the rank of lieutenant. A similar distinction has been won by Robert Davidson, one of the older boys of the group. A third lad, Cedric Ockerby, has been specially chosen by the Military Board to proceed to England to accept a commission in one of the Imperial regiments. With the exception of the midget members of the party all the members are in khaki with two exceptions, and they were cases where medical disabilities prevented enlistment.

"The golden memories of our Canadian tour combine to make a page in the life's history of every one of us, and we would appreciate a message from you at any time as evidence that the strands of friendship we were able to weave between Canadians and Australians have not been severed by time or distance.

"The younger section of our organization, members of the cadet forces, are constantly inquiring whether an opportunity will come to them to make a tour similar to the last one. Such an idea is, of course, a matter which can only be reckoned as being in the dim distance."

Mayor Stewart will reply on behalf of himself and the city.

Patriotic Pensioner

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Newport corporation having written to ex-Police Constable Griffin, now in Canada, asking why he had not presented the cheques sent him in payment of his pension, has received a reply that from patriotic motives and a desire not to draw money from the country at the present time, he had refrained from cashing the cheques so long as he continued in employment and was able to do without the money.

Chief of Police Resigns

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 29.—Chief of Police S. Bickley has resigned his position, thus escaping the necessity of defending himself against a charge of being incapable on duty.

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CAME MANY MILES TO JOIN; NOW WOUNDED

Sergt. Nelson Page (Bernard Ingham) Now Recovering From Shrapnel Injuries at Hospital

Sgt. Nelson Page, a well-known member of the 88th Battalion, has been wounded by shrapnel and is now in a French hospital, rapidly recovering, according to information received in Victoria yesterday.

Sgt. Page is an American, having journeyed from the Southern States to join the Canadian forces here. He was sent east to Winnipeg by the 88th Battalion to take a course in physical training, and on his return did valuable work, being responsible in more than one way for the high degree of efficiency attained by the unit before it left Victoria for overseas.

On the battalion's arrival in England he was selected to go in the first draft to leave for France, where he transferred to the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion as a private. His services were soon recognized and he was given the sergeant's stripes after being with the 25th only a short time, and it was while with that unit that he was wounded.

For personal reasons he enlisted in Victoria under the name of Nelson Page, but the subsequent death of his father shortly after he reached the front necessitated his readopting his proper name of Bernard Ingham.

MAY BORROW IN STATES

New British Loan Thought to Be Indicated by Instructions in Regard to Gold Shipments

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cable instructions have been sent by Mr. Andrew Bonar Law, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, in conjunction with Bank of England officials, to all British branch banks and banking agencies here directing them to discourage further shipments of gold to the Argentine republic, and in general all gold shipments from the United States to any country whatsoever.

The main reason for this is regarded here as being the desire of the British Government to keep the New York money market as easy as possible to enable it more successfully to float a new British loan in the United States.

Information, regarded as reliable, is that England will offer a loan of $250,000,000 about the middle of next month, despite denials of similar rumors by J. P. Morgan and Company a few days ago.

The Argentine Republic has had in London from $10,000,000 to $15,000,000 in gold. Recently this gold was brought to New York. Negotiations are pending now between the British and Argentine governments for loaning the entire amount to Britain, and the loan may be arranged within the next few days.

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SUBMARINE WAR ANGERS SPAIN

Wholesale Destruction of Vessels Leads to Vigorous Protest—Measures for Protection of Shipping Promised.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—A note addressed to Germany on the submarine question by the Spanish Government reviews at length the policy of Madrid from the time the first Spanish ship, the Isidoro, was torpedoed, in August, 1915. It declares that the Spanish Government has always maintained that it was illegal to destroy prizes, as is the constant practice of submarines, and that the cabinet also demanded the observation of the Declaration of London, notably Article 50, which it is maintained submarines violated by abandoning the crews of sunken ships to the mercy of the waves far from land.

The note further recalled the vigor of the representations of the Spanish Government, which it says sometimes caused the Berlin Government to be surprised at the radical attitude of Spain, whose protests, it is said, have been more energetic than those of any other neutral state, even the United States. With regard to the contraband question, the note says: "What the Spanish Government does not admit is the Central Empires' interpretation of international law, whereby they destroy ships of nations which have always complained and protested against such an interpretation."

The note concludes with an announcement that further steps are being taken to avoid or diminish in future the risks to Spanish shipping.

Energetic Measures

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A Havas dispatch from Madrid says the Spanish cabinet, after consideration of the torpedoing of Spanish vessels, had decided to take energetic measures to avoid the diminution of the country's merchant marine. Another meeting will be held to give precise form to these measures, the nature of which had not been disclosed.

—Photo by Taylor.
SERGT. A. ANDERSON
Of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, who was killed in action on October 11.

SUICIDE AT FREDERICTON

Mr. Bliss, Secretary Treasurer of York County and Judge of Probate, Takes His Own Life

FREDERICTON, N.B., Dec. 29.—Judge Fred St. John Bliss, secretary-treasurer of York County, and Judge of Probate, who shot himself through the head yesterday morning, died at an early hour this morning.

Judge Bliss had been in good health and spirits apparently until yesterday, when County Auditor George Armstrong entered his office to go over Mr. Bliss' accounts to get them in shape for an approaching session of the municipal council. Judge Bliss left his office suddenly, telling Mr. Armstrong that he would return in a few moments. Walking across the hall of the building to Sheriff Howe's office, he locked the door and shot himself through the temple.

Judge Bliss was one of the most highly esteemed residents of Fredericton, and was well known throughout the Province. He was formerly a member of the legal firm of Black, Bliss and Nealis.

NOW IN SWITZERLAND

Number of Canadian Officers and Privates Sent From German Prison Camps

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A number of officers and privates have just arrived in Switzerland from German prison camps. In the party are: Major Kirkpatrick, suffering from nervous prostration; Lieut. F. S. Hobbs, fractured left leg; Lieut. J. H. Douglas, stiff left arm, all three of whom are now at Murren; Lieut. H. W. MacDonnell, wounded in the lungs, is at Chateau d'Oex.

The following rankers have reached Switzerland: 59964, Q. Temple, and 446842, S. F. Sanson, both from Hameln; 106059, C. O. Arnold, from Stuttgart; 113, Burton Williams, from Heilaburg; 8156, L. A. Wheatley, from Friedrichsfeld; 15668, W. H. Edwards, from Soltau; 108646, R. W. Wright, from Dulman.

Men now reported prisoners include: 216404, Mives; 48143, Setterthwaite; 148177, Pringle; 148740, Simms. The location of these men is not known. Others reported are:

J. Forsythe, at Giessen; 477914, Connors, at Magdeburg; 420,575, Noel Usher, at Wahn.

Footballer Wounded

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—One of the latest local footballers to be included in the war casualty list is Pte. Robert Aitken. He is reported wounded. Aitken is one of the old school of Toronto footballers. He belongs to Glasgow, Scotland, where he played for the Third Lanark Reserves. On arrival in Toronto he identified himself with the Thistle F. C., afterwards with the Baracas, and later with the Overseas. He was one of the team which beat the famous Corinthians in 1911, and in the local series of Internationals was frequently chosen to play centre forward for Scotland.

PTE. W. J. SMITH
Victorian who is now stationed in London with the Army Service Corps. He had 16 years' service with the Marines before the present war and enlisted in the 88th Fusiliers two days after the outbreak of hostilities in August, 1914, leaving here with the 88th Battalion and transferring to the A. S. C. after reaching the Old Country. He is 49 years of age and has a wife and five children living at 827 Collinson Street. One of his sons, Fred, is a bugler with the 30th Battalion, while another, Mr. W. H. Smith, is stationed at No. 3 Fire Hall

AMERICANS WITH ALLIES

Estimate Made That Ten Thousand Are Now Serving in Armies—Plea for Recognition

LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is admitted in authoritative quarters here that ten thousand Americans are now serving with the Allied armies, the majority of them with the Canadian forces in England and France.

Sir H. Rider Haggard, in a letter to The Times, quotes an American correspondent as writing:

"In your next book let us have something about the thousands of Americans who have gone to a strange land and given their lives for humanity, putting this above everything else in the world."

Sir Rider Haggard continues: "My public work and other reasons prevent me acting on the suggestion, but there are qualified writers to whom the letter may appeal—at least I hope so."

FRANCE AND CHINA

Former Refuses to Ratify Proposed Compromise Settlement of Tientsin Concession Dispute

PEKING, Dec. 29.—The French Government, it is announced, has refused to ratify the proposed compromise settlement of the Tientsin concession dispute.

Numerous conferences between Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Foreign Minister, and Count de Martel, the French Charge d'Affaires, a Peking dispatch on December 6 announced, resulted in a tentative compromise settlement of the concession dispute. This compromise, it is said, provided for restoration by the French to China of the territory in question and the return of the Chinese policemen. China, for her part, agreed to make the district an international settlement, open to all the treaty powers. China also was to promise to make an effort to check the anti-French boycott at Tientsin.

GERMAN FOOD PROBLEM

Von Batocki, in Circular to Federated Governments, Points to Difficulties in Way of Distribution

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—A circular has been issued by Adolph T. von Batocki, president of the food regulation board, to the federated governments, in which it is pointed out that next year, generally, there will be difficulties in the way of the Government supplying food for the people. Even the end of the war, says Herr von Batocki, would only bring a slight change in the situation at first, because the scarcity of food is world wide.

Owing to a shortage in labor, work animals, foodstuffs, fertilizers and transportation facilities, cities and industrial communities will be compelled to keep a careful watch over the food problem.

The system of fixing maximum prices and pre-empting commodities for public consumption, says Herr von Batocki, has only worked well as regards grain. It has proved a failure with perishable commodities, and hence he advises municipalities to proceed on a larger basis than previously in their placing of contracts with producers for the future delivery of meat, vegetables, milk, butter and cheese.

BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE

Extension Supposed to Include Positions Held by French Troops North of Somme

LONDON, Dec. 29.—While information as to the amount of the extension of the British front has been withheld owing to military reasons, it is understood to be not inconsiderable. The Manchester Guardian, in discussing the matter, says: "If we remember rightly there was just before the offensive of July 1 a slight contraction of the British right, so as to allow the French to attack north as well as south of the Somme, and we take it for granted that the new British lines will not extend as far south as they did at the end of June last. That will mean our taking over, as a French correspondent says, important places north of the Somme which have hitherto been held by the French army, and, of course, extension may go further still to the south."

Gen. Maurice made no comment of the kind, nor did he in any way indicate the length of the extension, preferring to let the Germans find out for themselves exactly what change had been made.

The general added that he had reliable information indicating that the problem of food for the German army was serious, as well as the situation of the civil population.

Ordered to Salonica

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The New York stock exchange section of the American Ambulance Field Service in France has been ordered to the French front at Salonica. Henry E. Montgomery, chairman of the committee, who has received this news in a cable despatch, has set about raising $6,500 to complete the section and provide for its upkeep for a year.

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CHAS. C. CROWLEY OFFERS DENIALS

Detective in Employ of German Consulate on Witness Stand at Bopp Trial—Ram Chandra's Visits.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Admission that Ram Chandra, editor of a local publication agitating revolution in British India, had twice been a visitor to his rooms was made today by Charles C. Crowley, German consulate detective, who who is on trial with Consul-General Franz Bopp and assistants for alleged conspiracy for neutrality.

"Did you have any conversations with him relative to spreading the revolutionary propaganda?" United States District Attorney John W. Preston, questioned.

"None," returned the witness.

"Didn't you conspire with Lieut. G. W. von Brincken, also on trial here, to ship arms to the agents of Villa in Mexico?"

"No, sir."

"Didn't you know that von Brincken, the military attache of the German consulate, made a trip to Mexico in 1915?"

"I did not."

"Did you not have a hand in sending $14,000 to San Diego for outfitting the steamer Annie Larson with arms to carry on an enterprise prejudicial to the interests of the United States, or $7,000 to Los Angeles to outfit the steamer Maverick for a similar purpose?"

"Absolutely no."

Crowley, throughout a day of grilling cross-examination, steadfastly insisted that his investigations as chief detective for the consulate, carried on with the government's witness, Louis J. Smith, as a colleague, had been at every point legitimate.

"Why, if all your transactions were above board, did you and Smith, as well as yourself and Bopp, Vice-Consul E. H. von Shack, your secretary, Mrs. Margaret W. Cornell, von Brincken and the absent defendant, J. H. Van Koolbergen, continually use a code for transmitting messages?" Preston asked.

"The British consul was watching us. We wanted to obtain and transmit information about Canadian troops and Russian munitions without any leaks."

"What were you doing in Seattle and Tacoma about the time the 30-ton barge of dynamite blew up in the harbor on May 30, 1915?"

"Watching that dynamite to see whether it was going to be shipped to Russia under false manifest, or dispatched on ships clearing for Vladivostok."

"For what was Smith drawing $200 a month while accompanying you?"

"For helping me to watch the barge."

"Why did he buy fuse or dynamite, as previously testified, at Seattle or Tacoma, in 1915?"

"I think he wanted to blast stumps on a ranch he planned to purchase."

"Did he have any money beyond the $200 you say he was getting for his month's work?"

"I didn't think so."

"How, then, was he expecting to finance a ranch?"

"I don't know."

A copy of The Tacoma Tribune of May 31, 1915, was introduced by Mr. Preston, and an article in it narrating the search for one Walter Brown, an alias which Smith had used while corresponding with Crowley, was read to the jury.

"Did you link this Walter Brown with your associate?" Preston then asked.

"It did not occur to me to do so," Crowley replied.

The trial will be resumed on January 2.

FIVE VESSELS SUNK

Pirates Destroy Four British Steamers and One Norwegian—One of 3,000 Tons

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Lloyds announces that the British steamers Oronsay and Mereddio have been sunk.

The Oronsay, a vessel of 1,361 tons, was last reported as having sailed from Calcutta on November 29 for Dundee, reaching Colombo early in December on the voyage. The Mereddio was a vessel of 3,069 tons.

The British steamers Copswood, 509 tons gross, and the Bargany, 872 tons gross, have been sunk. The Norwegian steamer Ida, 1,300 tons, is reported to have been sunk. Some of the crew of the Bargany have been landed.

Author-Explorer Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Charles Richard Tjader, explorer, author and inventor, is dead here after a brief illness. Mr. Tjader in 1906 led an expedition into the East African jungle for the American Museum of Natural History. In Africa he discovered two new species of antelope which have been named after him. Among his writings is a book on "The Big Game of Africa." He was born in April, 1869, in Karlskrona, Sweden.

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LONDON, Dec. 29.—Russian war loan subscriptions have increased considerably since publication of the peace notes, Petrograd despatches via the Wireless Press, announce. All co-operative societies have subscribed 25 per cent of their capital.

Vatican Denies Report

ROME, Dec. 29.—The Osservatore Romaño, the official organ of the Vatican, prints today an official denial of reports published abroad that the papal nuncio at Vienna informed the Vienna press that the Austrian Emperor had requested him to ask Pope Benedict's intervention for peace and that the Pope had given a favorable reply.

Italy Expects Attack

ROME, Dec. 29.—Gen. Morrone, the Italian Minister of War, speaking in the Chamber yesterday, admitted that the Austrians and Germans are preparing a great offensive against the Italian front for next Spring. A deputy in the course of a speech alluded to the forthcoming offensive and, turning to the Minister of War, expressed the hope that the necessary preparations were being taken to resist it, and sufficient artillery, ammunition and troops being concentrated where necessary. The Minister tacitly admitted that the offensive is expected.

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Col. Gorrell Recovers

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Lieut.-Col. Gorrell, formerly of Taplow Hospital, who has been seriously ill in the Millbank Hospital, has now recovered and is living privately in London.

Death of Dr. Loudon

TORONTO, Dec. 29—Dr. James Loudon, former president of Toronto University, died this morning at the age of seventy-three years. He leaves a widow and three sons. Capt. D Loudon, who is at present on furlough, is one of the sons.

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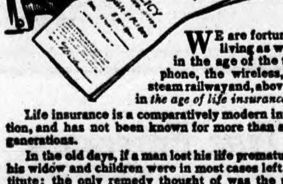

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Bank Clearings—The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending December 28 totalled $1,957,008.

Sitting Adjourned—January 23 is a new date set for the sitting here of the Court of Appeal. The original date was January 9, but the extra time has been given in order that the court may finish the Vancouver cases. Those who wish to give notices of appeal must make their applications before January 5.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Case Remanded—In the police court yesterday Burra Singh, a Hindu, on the charge of having stolen $17, was remanded until this morning. For having been drunk he was fined $4 and costs.

Indian Fined—In the police court yesterday Jimmie Fraser, a Songhees Indian, was fined $25 for being in possession of a bottle of whisky. A Chinaman, Sam, arrested on the charge of having supplied the Indian with the liquor, was dismissed, as Jimmie swore he was not the man who gave it to him.

Following Victoria's Example — At numerous points on the Mainland advantage has been taken of the example of Victoria to establish "superfluity" shops. New Westminster has just decided to maintain and operate such an institution to supplement patriotic aid work. Victoria has the honor of being the pioneer city to inaugurate this particular mode of endeavor for patriotic purposes during the war.

Half-Holiday Fines—At New Westminster twenty-eight of the leading merchants of the city appeared in the police court to answer to the charge of infractions of the Saturday Half-Holiday Act. They all pleaded guilty, the majority having advertised their intention to keep open in the newspapers. A fine of $3 was imposed in each case.

Conscription of War Profits—At a meeting of the South Vancouver Women's Forum, the following resolution was passed: "We, the Women's Forum of South Vancouver, firmly believe that registration and conscription of war profits should precede registration and conscription of the man-power of Canada." The meeting also decided to request the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Act so as to make it possible for women to be eligible for municipal office.

Here on Tuesday—The Municipal Council of South Vancouver has been notified by Premier Brewster that the Government will be prepared to receive the delegations from the Council and the ratepayers asking assistance for the municipality on Tuesday, January 2. The joint committee will consist of Reeve Winram, Councillor Mengel, Mr. D. Donaghy (municipal solicitor), Mr. J. B. Springford, Mr. W. H. Gallagher, Mr. J. F. J. Gillespie, Councillor Russell and Mr. Robert McBride.

Convention at Seattle — Delegates from the Victoria and Vancouver institutions are present at Seattle at the northwest roundup of the boys of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Puget Sound and British Columbia, now in progress. The conference programme began yesterday morning at 11 o'clock with addresses of welcome by representatives of the various boys' associations of the Seattle Association and others. The delegates from British Columbia are quartered at the homes of the boys of the Seattle association.

Shingle Mills Closing—Most of the shingle mills in British Columbia are now closing down for their annual overhaul. This is expected to improve their position with respect to marketing their products. Spring orders from Canadian points in the middle west and east are expected to make up to some extent for the interference with business caused by the embargo by the railway companies on freight business to points east of Chicago. With the mills now closing down for repairs and general overhauling it is expected that by the time they are all open again conditions will be more favorable.

Shipping Potatoes—During the present weeks six carloads of potatoes have been shipped from Vancouver and interior points to places in Eastern Canada, the eastern market having advanced to a point where it is once more profitable to export from this Province. A rise in prices locally is predicted by the stripping of the British Columbia supply of potatoes.

English Mail Arrives — A shipment of English mail arrived yesterday at the local post office, consisting of 21 bags of letters and 11 bags of papers. The mail left London on December 13 and came via New York.

Alderman Todd's Organization—Alderman Todd was appointed his own campaign manager and chairman of his campaign committee in his fight for election to the office of Mayor of Victoria, at a meeting of several of his supporters under Mr. James Fletcher in the Sweeney-McConnell Building early yesterday morning. It was decided that Alderman Todd would make his campaign as an independent and on his own personality. Committee rooms will be opened after the first of the year. Mr. E. S. Woodward has been appointed secretary of the campaign committee.

Busy Week for Aldermen—Aldermen got their first day's rest in the week when the session of the streets committee of the City Council scheduled for yesterday afternoon was cancelled. The members of the Council declared yesterday that during this week they had more than earned their $6-a-week allowance. With the health department investigation sitting twice a day, the regular council meeting and all the minor committee meetings, not to speak of the formulating of municipal campaign platforms, this has been a busy week for the city's elected rulers.

Favor Poll Tax—The finance committee of the Vancouver City Council has endorsed a proposal submitted by the Council of Point Grey urging the Provincial Government again to bring into force the poll tax which was abolished a few years ago, with the stipulation that the proceeds should be applied to the purposes of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. This action is recommended owing to the fact that it is impossible to collect anything at the present time from the large number of foreigners in the Province who are enjoying the protection which the Empire affords.

War Tax on Profits—Mr. A. G. McCandless, inspector in charge of the work in British Columbia coming within the scope of the Dominion war tax on business profits, says that the response of the taxpayers has been very gratifying. The tax is not having any adverse effect on the prospects of the investment of outside capital in the Province. He states that in the administration of the act he has come in contact with a number of American firms who intend to invest in British Columbia, chiefly in the mining and lumber business, and he feels confident that there will be a great influx of American capital in the near future.

Bridge Across Peace River—A press dispatch from Edmonton says that Mr. J. D. McArthur, president of the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia and allied railways, has made an important announcement in connection with the development of the vast north country, stating that tenders had been invited for the big steel bridge across the Peace River, immediately north of the town of Peace River. These tenders are to be received not later than next Tuesday. The approximate cost of the structure is one million dollars. It is the intention to start the sub-structure early in January and complete the bridge within eighteen months.

Pure-Bred Stock Farm—Mr. William Braid, the proprietor of the 320-acre Braid farm on Lulu Island, has just had delivered to him the foundation herd of pure-bred pedigreed shorthorn cattle. The shipment consists of a two-year-old shorthorn bull, fifteen heifers and a few days' old calf. The herd is to form the nucleus of pure-bred stock breeding on a large scale, and being animals selected from the best strains in Britain, its influence will be felt for good all over the Province, it is believed. The bull is the "Marquis of Orange," a scion of the celebrated "Marquis" strain, and the females are all descended from aristocrats of their breed, whose lineage may be traced in the shorthorn herd book.

Sets Patriotic Example — Mr. William Hunter, for many years the representative in the Legislature of the Provincial riding of Slocan, and a frequent visitor to Victoria, recently set an example in patriotism by offering to enlist for overseas service with the Royal Engineers' inland water transport. He has been temporarily refused on the grounds of age, being 58 years old. In a letter expressing regret that he cannot go, Mr. Hunter says: "I am greatly disappointed, for I feel that I could occupy the place of a young man yet, and young men seem slow to come forward; however, this life is partly made up of disappointments, but I will hold the offer open in case you cannot do better."

Filed a Caveat—Messrs. Crease & Crease, solicitors for the beneficiaries under the will of the late Mr. C. G. Wylly, the Misses Brooks, of Nassau, Bahama Island, have filed a caveat against the title held by the city on the property on Selkirk Water, the disposition of which has been before the council on numerous occasions of late. At the last meeting of the council the legal firm submitted a bid for the property without the cheque called for in the advertisement, and accompanied the tender with a threat of legal proceedings if the property should be sold by the city. The action will probably determine the issue of tax sale titles generally.

Reporting on Railways—Under the direction of the Dominion Government, Mr. George Burnett, a Vancouver engineer, has just completed an exhaustive investigation from the standpoint of physical valuation and other phases of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways between Edmonton and the Coast. The investigation also covered some branch lines in Alberta. He will shortly go east to tender his report to the Government. Mr. Burnett expressed the belief that for the present at least one track should certainly carry the traffic of both railways between Edmonton and the Rockies. Sir H. L. Drayton is head of the commission appointed to investigate the railway situation in the Dominion and decide how best to deal with it.

Patriotic Aid Work—Members of the campaign committee of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society will attend a public meeting at the Royal Oak on Friday next under the auspices of the Saanich Council and explain the aims and objects of the organization in order to remove any misunderstandings. The committee has issued a circular for general distribution, containing an appeal for aid to the fund. The issue is 15,000, and they are being distributed through the kindness of the B.C. Electric Railway Company. Yesterday an anonymous subscriber, who designated himself "Night Turn," handed in $125. The employees of B. Wilson & Company have agreed to subscribe $21 per month; employees of R. P. Rithet & Co., $35 per month, and officials and employees of the E. & N. Railway Company $240 per month.

Judgment for Bank—In the judgment of Mr. Justice Morrison handed down at Vancouver in the case of the Canadian Bank of Commerce vs. Hewer et al., action was stayed under the War Relief Act as against F. W. Boultbee, but not as against his sister and the other defendants. The action was upon a guarantee given by the defendants to the plaintiffs in 1912, guaranteeing the indebtedness of the Chilliwack Implement and Produce Company to the sum of $14,000. The claim in this case was for a balance amounting to $4,926 and for speedy judgment. The first answer was on behalf of Mr. F. W. Boultbee, who invoked the provision of the War Relief Act. The defendant, Miss Frances A. Boultbee also invoked the War Relief Act. Although his lordship found that she was a dependant of Mr. F. W. Boultbee, yet in this particular transaction she entered into an independent individual obligation, and it must be held that this liability was of her own creation.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 29, 1916.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer is falling in advance of an ocean storm area which may cause easterly to southerly gales on the coast and Straits, also a general rainfall. The temperatures are rising in Cariboo and Kootenay, and remain below zero in the Prairie Provinces.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	27	35
Vancouver	20	30
Kamloops	—12	8
Barkerville	— 8	22
Prince Rupert	30	40
Calgary	— 6	..
Winnipeg	—12	..
Portland	26	30
San Francisco	40	50
Port Arthur	—18	..
Penticton	1	12
Nelson	— 3	9
Cranbrook	—23	8
Grand Forks	— 2	19
Prince George	—13	14

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Average	31
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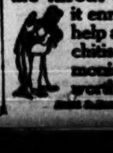

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After Trustee Honors—Mr. Bert Mantrop, who is retiring from the Esquimalt school board this year will be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Greeves will also seeks office as school trustee in the place of Trustee Robson, who is retiring and will not again run.

Big Income From Fines—Officials in the treasury department at the City Hall put in a busy half hour yesterday afternoon, when Police Court Clerk Peter Gardiner turned in a pile of bills amounting to $910. The money is what was levied as a fine on the ninety-one Victoria merchants who kept their stores open last Saturday afternoon and evening in contravention to the Saturday Half Holiday Act. The clerk says some of the merchants considered the $10 fine a good investment, as some of the medium-sized stores on Saturday afternoon and evening did business aggregating $1,500. The amount taken in by the department stores was far in excess of this.

Big Crowd Sees Pantomime—Another capacity house saw "Puss in Boots" last night at the Royal Victoria Theatre, and people are now beginning to believe that the pantomime will result in raising more money for the Red Cross than any other theatrical event ever staged in Victoria. The theatre has been crowded at five performances already, and at the rate tickets are being disposed of now, the theatre will be filled again tonight. This afternoon's matinee is being presented especially for the benefit of the children of soldiers on active service. Each performance sees a noticeable improvement in the work of those taking part, last night's show being probably the best acted of the week.

Mild Weather Is Forecasted—A new area of low barometer has made its appearance on the north coast of British Columbia. The influence is being felt over a wide area today, its presence having been reflected in rising temperatures over practically the whole of the Province last night. This was particularly noticeable in the Cariboo, where severe cold has been uniformly the case for more than a week. The temperature rose there yesterday, from a minimum of 13 degrees below zero in the morning, to 12 degrees above at 5 o'clock. The remarkable rise at Atlin during Thursday was maintained yesterday, and moderation was general all along the coast as far south as the Sound region. It is likely that the opening of the New Year will be proportionally wet and mild when compared to the crisp, clear weather of Christmas Day. The cold still lingers in the states in the southern section of the Pacific slope; in the Prairie Provinces, extending east and south into the Lake Superior region, and again in the central section of the Mississippi valley. Very severe weather is being experienced in the Rocky Mountain States.

OVER HALF A MILLION

Some interesting statistics have just been issued by the B. C. Electric Railway Company relative to its expenditures in Victoria. For the year ending June 30, 1916, it cost the company a total of $514,418.00 to operate its business in this city. The amount paid for wages and salaries is spread over more than 300 families. The principal items of expenditure are tabulated as follows:

Wages and salaries	$379,662
Purchases in British Columbia	120,406
Purchases outside B.C.	14,150
Taxes, Provincial	7,893
Taxes, municipal	21,196

Included in the tax figure is the Provincial Government revenue tax based on the gross earnings of the company, and the city tax for the right to run rails, poles and gas mains along the streets (in addition to the property tax), also the trading licences to the city and surrounding municipalities in which the company operates.

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Berry Spoons, gold-plate. Special, each $2.00
Sugar Shells, plain. Special, each .... 50¢
Sugar Shells, gold-plate. Special, each .... 75¢
Pie Knives. Extra special, each $2.00
Gravy Ladles. Special, each, $1.25
Cream Ladles. Special, each, $1.00
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MORE FINES PAID

Additional List of Local Merchants Plead Guilty to Breach of Half-Holiday Act

In the police court yesterday the heads of thirty-four business houses pleaded guilty to an infraction of the Half-Holiday Act and paid fines of $10 in each instance. Eleven cases were remanded, pleas of not guilty being entered. All the adjourned cases will be tried next week. Those who paid fines yesterday were: Jacob Aaronson, E. Lancaster, S. A. Stoddart, F. G. Levy, Lee Dye, F. L. Mutrie, Barber & Holcock, Hawkins & Hayward, Watson & McGregor, F. B. Fowler, Geo. Brown, W. J. Savory, Seabrook Young, S. H. Neale, Finch & Finch, H. J. Mallech, P. R. Smith, C. Cuming & Co., P. Scurrah, M. Shelton, Sam Scott, Gordons Ltd., W. Poole, M. Kilburger, Nagano & Co., Fred Foster, Victoria Book and Stationery Co., H. Ichi, Low Gow, A. Wanabe, Hop Kee, Quong Tai Jun, Fook Wo Sang, Quong Ma Foo and E. Paterson.

Mr. W. J. Savory claimed that he was a florist and should be exempt. T. Yachida did not appear, and an order for his arrest was made. Mr. S. A. Stoddart, when asked to plead, remarked that he would be ashamed of himself had he not kept his place of business open.

WILL SOON ANNOUNCE PERSONNEL OF BOARD

Next Week Government Will Have Decided Upon Commission to Investigate By-Election Irregularities.

By next Wednesday, it was stated by Premier Brewster last evening, the personnel of the Royal Commission which will investigate the allegations of fraudulent practices at the February by-election in Vancouver out of which arose the charges on which were based the investigation held by a legislative committee at the last session of the Legislature, will be announced. The Commission will be composed of judges, but owing to the pressure of court business what judges will sit and when the first session of the Commission will be held, are questions not as yet determined.

The investigation will, the Premier states, be as complete as it is possible to make it, and every phase of the alleged frauds will be investigated to the fullest extent.

Of late Mr. John Oliver, Minister of Railways, has been making an investigation of the arrangements relative to the development of the former Songhees Indian reserve with special reference to the disposition of the area from the standpoint of the railways, industrial sites, etc. The minister has gone into the whole situation as it exists today, and his report will shortly be before the executive council, when the steps to be taken by the Government relative to its future course there will be decided. Already the Government has been approached by various interested parties who advanced suggestions as to development measures, and a number of individuals who seek facilities in the way of cheap sites for proposed industrial enterprises have laid their cases before the ministry.

Johnson Street Bridge

In connection with reserve developments there is the matter of the Johnson Street bridge yet to be decided. The late Government, on the request of the city, took over the bridge project and initiated expropriation proceedings by which the amount to be paid to owners for lands required for the easterly approach of the proposed bridge, was fixed. Owing to the fact that the late Government went out of office just after it had received the award of the arbitrators further action relative to the payment of the award was left for the consideration of the incoming Government, which has had the matter before it, but in view of the decision to go into the whole matter of reserve development, the bridge question has been held over. What action the Government proposes to take in connection with the award made by the arbitration board has not yet been determined. It is probable that the Government will, when it has given full consideration to the matter, issue a report covering its future policy with respect to the reserve lands, and this will include its policy with respect to the bridge.

Many matters of routine business were before the executive council at a lengthy session yesterday afternoon, and another session was held last evening in an effort to clean up business before the New Year holiday.

The 5th Regiment C.G.A. Band, assisted by Miss Lillian Haggerty in vocal solos, will give their usual concert next Sunday evening in the Royal Victoria Theatre, commencing at 8:45.

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CHURCH ENCOURAGES FILLING OUT CARDS

Bishop Schofield Notifies Clergy to Observe National Service Week and Tomorrow as Day of Intercession.

Tomorrow has been decreed a day of special thanksgiving and intercession regarding the war in all churches in the Diocese of Columbia by Bishop Schofield, who has issued orders to this effect to all clergy. Advantage is also to be taken of the occasion to urge on all churchmen the duty of cheerfully and quickly furnishing the Government with the information for which it is asking in the national service cards which have been distributed.

"The Government of Canada are giving to us a great opportunity of assisting the country by pressing upon our people the execution of a supremely important national duty, which springs very naturally out of the observance of such a day," says the Bishop in his statement.

"The first week in January has been set apart as 'National Service Week,' and I desire to urge upon you the privilege and responsibility that is ours, of speaking such word to our people as will lead them to give this matter of filling in the registration cards their serious, careful and prompt attention.

"I am confident that I have the united support of all our clergy in my pledge made to the authorities that 'the clergy of the Church of England in this diocese will do everything in their power to support the Government in prosecuting this war with the utmost rigor.'" The Bishop reminds his clergy of the necessity of their securing the proper national service forms from the postmasters if the forms have not been delivered to them.

NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS ARE OUT

General Distribution Has Commenced in Victoria—An Appeal to All to See That They Are Signed.

Though National Service Week has not yet arrived, the cards which are being sent to all males between the ages of 16 and 65 throughout the Dominion are already being distributed in Victoria and being very generally signed. Business houses are co-operating with the authorities in the movement, undertaking to supply their employees with cards and look after signatures.

The fact that the first week of the New Year is to be known as National Service Week is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest. The men are interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 65 years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending to them through the postoffice authorities. The women are interested because their co-operation is being invited, in seeing that their men-folk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brothers at home have to reply to the various questions.

To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year's resolution for every man throughout the Dominion and it has the advantage of being easy of fulfilment. It only means a few minutes' careful thought. The postman in the cities gets the hard work, for he has not only to deliver the cards; he is responsible also for their proper return. Prompt mailing of the answers will make the postman's work very much easier.

National Service means that all are to get into that frame of mind which will cause them to think of the needs of the country, to realize that the interests of the State have a greater claim on them than self-interest. This applies to everyone, from the highest in the land to the lowest. The Prince of Wales' motto "I serve" may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire at this time.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching all, or should be teaching all, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Mr. Richard Drake, a familiar figure among the pioneers of the city, died yesterday at the residence, 847 Broughton Street. The deceased was a native of Wandsworth, Surrey, England, where he was born in 1852, and he came to Victoria thirty-two years ago. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs. E. W. Mathews, of Portland; Mrs. W. S. Illingworth, of North Vancouver, and Mrs. G. J. Williams, of Vancouver. The funeral which is to be private, will be held from the late residence on Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock and services will take place at Christ Church Cathedral later.

Funeral services for Mr. William T. Hardaker, who died early in the week at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, took place yesterday afternoon from the B. C. Funeral chapel and fifteen minutes later at Christ Church Cathedral, where Rev. Robert Connell was in charge. Among the many people present at the obsequies was a delegation from the Sons and Daughters of St. George. The pallbearers were: Messrs. R. H. Nunn, C M Cookson, Mowat, Sidney Heald, William McFawn and William H. Price. Burial took place in Ross Bay Cemetery.

New term, January 2; get particulars. Sprott-Shaw Institute.

BOARD CHOSEN

Members of Workmen's Compensation Board Selected, but Names Withheld Until Next Week

After several hours consideration of the merits of the various applicants the executive council last night decided upon the personnel of the Board which shall administer the Workmen's Compensation Act. Who are the three gentlemen to secure what constitute, undoubtedly, the "plums" at the disposal of the new Government, will not be stated, Premier Brewster said last night, until Tuesday, until those selected have been communicated with and notified of their appointment.

NEW ESQUIMALT SCHOOL

Increasing Population Requires Additional Accommodation

Another new school for the Esquimalt district will be erected to provide accommodation for the increasing school population. At the regular meeting of the Board last night it was decided to have plans prepared for an eight-room building that will cost in the neighborhood of $30,000. The site of the building has not been selected, but possibly it will be located on the table land on Macaulay Plains. An alternative site is available to the north of the present Lampson Street school. Mr. Thomas Sedger was appointed architect for the Board.

SUGAR MONOPOLY, RETAILERS DECLARE

Local Prices Drastically Regulated and Kept Up, Although There Has Been Big Decrease in Seattle.

Victoria retail merchants are commencing an agitation against what the term "the sugar monopoly of British Columbia." They declare that the Vancouver Sugar Refineries which controls the sugar supply of the Province is unnecessarily keeping up prices.

During the last two weeks sugar in Victoria has dropped 20 cents a hundred pounds, in two drops of 10 cents each. In Seattle during the same period the price has dropped 70 cents, in four drops of 30, 20, 10 and 10 cents each. The price of the refineries to Victoria wholesalers is $8.40 per 100-lb. sack, or $8.55 for five 20-lb. sacks.

So complete is the control of the sugar monopoly in Victoria that the refineries regulate the price wholesalers are allowed to charge retailers, the dealers declare. The refineries furnish the wholesalers with sugar at $8.40 with the stipulation that it be resold to retailers at the same price. At the end of each month the refineries send the wholesalers a rebate of 5 per cent of the amount of their sales. If any wholesaler breaks the selling price orders it means that he will get no more sugar.

So serious is the situation in Victoria that retailers are now, and have been for some time, selling sugar at a loss. In The Colonist yesterday retail stores advertised 20-lb. sacks of sugar at $1.68 and $1.70. This means they are selling for $8.40 and $8.50 five sacks which cost them wholesale, $8.55. These prices are due to the fear the grocers have of public denunciation if they make any increase. The retailers point out that besides the net loss on each sack, there have to be considered the charges they have to pay for delivery and store service and interest on the money advanced to meet their purchases as all sugar has to be paid for on delivery from the refineries with a cheque dated two weeks from the day of delivery.

MR. RUSS HUMBER LIKELY TO RUN AGAIN

To force an expose of conditions in connection with the paving contracts of a few years ago, particularly those hinted at in the Worswick charges which have not yet been made public by the City Council, Mr. Russ Humber is likely to again run for the City Council. He was an alderman a couple of years ago. Yesterday he said the public had a right to know just how "rotten" affairs have been at the City Hall. He is also desirous that the "inside story" of some of the large expropriations for street widening should be revealed.

Dr. A. A. Humber, who has already run a couple of times for alderman, yesterday announced himself as a candidate for the City Council at next month's elections.

HANDS DOWN JUDGMENT

Mr. Justice Clement Gives Reasons for Dismissing Application for Injunction in Pandora Avenue Assessment

Mr. Justice Clement handed down his judgment in the matter of the application of the B. C. Electric Railway Company vs. the City in connection with the assessment of Pandora Avenue property. The application is dismissed, a notification to that effect having been made by His Lordship some days ago in order not to embarrass the city longer than was necessary. However, notice of appeal has been given by Messrs. Barnard, Robertson, Heisterman & Tait, on behalf of the applicants, and the case will probably be heard at the next sitting of the Court of Appeal here—the latter part of January. The judgment is as follows:

"In my opinion the proceedings of the court (so called) of revision, will not prejudice the applicants. Their claim that by reason of the insufficiency of the published 'notice of such assessment,' there is no local improvement for which a special assessment can be made will not, I think, be affected by anything the court of revision may do.

"I think the notice 'unsatisfactory,' but I am not sure that its insufficiency may not be waived by those for whose protection it was designed. The applicants do not negative actual knowledge, and while perhaps the burden is not on them in that regard, I think that in my discretion prohibition should be refused. To saddle upon the city at large the cost of this improvement is a serious matter, and all the facts should be elicited in an action and not upon such a peremptory proceeding such as this. The lapse of time since the work was begun and the notoriety attending it at all stages seems to point to the likelihood of waiver. Order nisi discharged with costs."

Those Bells

As a rule neither Roman Catholics nor Nonconformists use bells for calling the faithful, and no harm would be done if the Church of England were to dispense with a large proportion of its anything but silvery-toned tintinabulations.—The Guardian.

PROFESSOR SHORTT TALKS ON DEMOCRACY

Civil Service Expert Gives Address on Some Aspects of Modern System of Government—To Speak Here Again.

Those whose privilege it was to hear Professor Adam Shortt speak upon the subject of "Some Aspects of Democracy," in the Provincial Library last night were accorded a treat. Professor Shortt, the leading authority in Canada upon social and economic subjects and whose visit to Victoria is concerned with one branch of the science of government—the re-organization of the civil service of the Province—had a comparatively small audience but a most appreciative one. It was a pleasure to his hearers to learn that next week he will speak before the Canadian Club when undoubtedly he will be greeted by a large and representative audience.

Professor Shortt was introduced by Capt. the Rev. Dr. Campbell, who pointed to the distinguished visitor's notable career and declared that in selecting him to make suggestions as to the improvement of the Provincial civil service, Premier Brewster had shown great wisdom.

Professor Shortt stated that his subject was a big one and as often happened, the things in the midst of which the people always are, are the very things they know the least about. There had never been any real definition of the term democracy. The people of the United States had defined it as government of the people by the people for the people, but such a definition would not bear investigation. Today while the British people prided themselves upon possessing a democratic government it is not government by the people and it is a long way from being government for the people by the people or anyone else. No one could define what democracy is and it was not necessary that it should be defined, for it was far too complex a thing for definition. It was at best an aspiration. People were apt to make the mistake that democracy was a form of government. It included it, but a form of government was only one of a thousand phases. The real essence of democracy as the British people know it was an attitude of mind, a method.

Principles Intermingle

Professor Shortt quoted from the ancient and modern philosophers to show their theories of government and explained how the elements of autocracy and democracy intermingled, how in all democratic countries the element of autocracy is present and vice versa; how in the system of majorities and minorities the autocratic element exists. History told of autocracies in which some leader or ruler went to the gallows or the scrap heap according to the element of democracy which prevailed. Democracy was not a question of religion. There was the autocratic Catholicism of Russia and the democratic Protestantism. The most extreme socialism could not carry out the principle of democracy as far as had been done by the Catholic church in respect of its property. Everywhere there existed side by side the autocratic and democratic type of mind. In Germany the former has the upper hand, in England the latter. As Bernard Shaw had stated in satirical fashion but none the less truly, if democracy in England could have its way there might result an autocracy stronger than that of Prussia.

Professor Shortt said all falsehood gets its power and strength from the truth that is in it. No lie can get anywhere but as an exaggerated half truth or a half truth expanding and crowding truth gets along. In democracy it was necessary to have leadership and for the people to place themselves under control and to that extent the element of autocracy prevailed. The nearest approach ever had to the American type of democracy as claimed in their definition was the New England town meeting, a very primitive community brought up amid the complexities of an old system of government but going into the wilderness and leaving behind the type they knew with all its perplexities, starting out afresh and sharing a common and simple life. They settled their affairs by the rule of the majority and there made the serious departure from a true democracy. They appointed of their number to various offices, elevating one man to a place of authority to enforce his will as well as he could interpret the common mind. But there was the show of autocracy, the subjection to control.

The spirit of compromise, limitation, conflict, was the essence of any social structure. The tendency was to break up. Such a situation was natural to thinking people. The happy hunting ground of autocracy was among the people who would not think. Chancellor Von Buelow's book told the Germans that they were the finest people that ever emerged, the most intellectual, the most scientific, but that in one thing they were inferior to all other people, who, he stated, were semi-civilized, such as the English, the French, etc. He said the Germans did not posses the faintest capacity for self-government, and his argument was that, therefore, they should hand over their affairs to an autocratic government. To a certain extent, Professor Shortt believed, the Chancellor's views were correct. The Germans were not in large matters a very reflective people, but experts in specialization, research and technique. Wonderfully efficient machines could be made out of autocrats; they could be set to a task and be found there the next day, a characteristic not found in the Anglo-Saxon, whose determination to think and argue for himself is the reason for that spirit of criticism and jumping to conclusions, a defect of the general mass of Anglo-Saxons. But when an Anglo-Saxon was found who stopped to think things out, he became a leader, and that type was the finest type to be found anywhere. As the ancient Greeks demonstrated alertness of mind alone may become a fault, but in any permanent structure there must be democratic ideals, and with them a mixture of the autocratic which impells one to get down to business, to stick it through and get somewhere.

The Ideal System

Professor Shortt stated that in modern democracy there was displayed the symptom of speed without any idea of where it is going to arrive. This symptom was represented by the fads and enthusiasms with which they are pushed. One man would argue that the adoption of single tax would relieve all the public ills; the socialists had their own theories, but they all had but half truths; they ignored the others and rushed ahead.

The British nation, possessed of many types of mind, does not present the symmetry and co-ordination of all the elements as in the German, where more autocratic ideals are pursued. The greatest Prussian in an intellectual way was Kant, but his grandfather was a Scotsman from Aberdeen, and that was where Kant got his ability to philosophize and get somewhere. His teacher, too, was the great Scotsman Hume. That mixture of the democratic and autocratic proved the ideal one; and, perhaps, Professor Shortt suggested, the Anglo-Saxon could accomplish more were he possessed of a little more of the German thoroughness, willingness to work hard, stick-to-it-iveness and willingness to accept instruction. The natural tendency of autocracy was atheism, the possession by its leaders of a belief in a divine right to rule, a tendency shown by the Kaiser.

In summing up his conclusions, Professor Shortt said we favored "our blundering, discreet, warring, disputing, unlovely British democracy." Under it and under it only would there be freedom. Under it there must be some form of leadership, but it would be a leadership subject to frequent change, for that spirit of pushing on to new things would soon exhaust any leader.

Applying his principles to concrete cases such as party government, Professor Shortt showed how impossible it is to get away from the system. Fundamentally the party system is a necessity. It will be corrupt if corruption exists in the country, and if it is bad it is bad because the people do not insist upon its being any better. A government never sees in its lobbies the general voice of the people, but only one set of people, those seeking something, and after some years a government can hardly be blamed for believing this last class is representative of the whole country. The only way for the people to meet the problems of society was by study of the situation. That was the continuous burden they must carry if their best interests are to be safeguarded.

A hearty vote of thanks, moved by AAlderman Porter and seconded by Mr. B. Nicholas, was unanimously adopted.

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FLETCHER—On December 27, at 816 Tolmie Avenue, to the wife of Pte. Jack Fletcher, of the 103rd Battalion, now in England, a son.

DEATHS

DRAKE—On the 29th inst., at his home, 847 Broughton Street, Richard Drake, one of the oldtime residents of this city, having lived here for the past 33 years, and who is well known to most of the surviving pioneers of this district. The deceased gentleman was born August 20, 1852, at Wandsworth, Surrey, England. He is survived by, besides his widow, three daughters, Mrs. E. W. Matthews, of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. W. S. Illingworth, of North Vancouver, and Mrs. G. J. Williams of Vancouver.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, January 2, at 1:30 o'clock, from the above residence, and 15 minutes later services will be held at Christ Church Cathedral. Funeral private, and no flowers, by request.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Forbes and family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Masonic Fraternities, Queen City and Victoria Chapters, O. E. S., Order of the Amaranth, White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Independent Order of Foresters and the many friends for expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings in their very sad bereavement in the loss of a loving husband and father.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Massick and family desire to tender their sincere thanks to all the kind friends who sent letters of sympathy and floral remembrances on the occasion of the death of their dear friend, Alexander Duff Low.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES DELIGHT CHILDREN

Entertainments at St. James and Fairfield Methodist Sunday Schools and Esquimalt Dockyard

The annual Christmas party of St. James' Church, Quebec Street, was held on Thursday evening in the Connaught Seamen's Institute. A fine supper had been provided for the children, and later there was a most enjoyable entertainment, a feature of which was a shadow pantomime, illustrating the various nursery rhymes. This was skilfully arranged by Mr. C. E. Bloomfield. The following contributed to the programme of entertainment: The rector, Miss Pennell, Messrs. Brown, Bloomfield, Steel, Buller, Miss A. Swift and Masters A. Buller, R. Steele, J. Walker, J. Brown, E. Bergstrom, D. Grossmith, and S. Ranne.

The rector, Rev. H. T. Archbold, B.A., on behalf of the superintendent and teachers, thanked the parents for the interest they were taking in the affairs of the Sunday school and alluded to their great responsibility for the religious training of their children. Prizes to the number of thirty-seven were presented to the successful scholars by Mrs. Archbold, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

An afternoon of exceptional interest was spent in the Fairfield Methodist Church Sunday school room on Thursday, when Mrs. C. E. Post and Miss Bailey entertained the cradle roll, beginners and primary children with the parents, teachers, and friends. The schoolroom was crowded. Rev. Mr. Ousterhout, the pastor, presided, and Mr. E. B. Jones took the part of Santa Claus. The children acquitted themselves well in a fine programme of entertainment. Refreshments were served from a well filled table, which bore lavish decorations. Great credit is due Mrs. Post and Miss B. Bailey for the success of what proved an exceptionally enjoyable affair.

Santa Claus held high revel in Esquimalt when he visited it on Tuesday evening and bestowed gifts on about 220 children of the dockyard employees. The large hall looked gay and festive with bunting and evergreens, while the piece-de-resistance—a large fir tree about 20 feet high—occupied the place of prominence in the hall, being tastefully decorated and illuminated with many colored electric lights. Juvenile excitement ran high as Father Christmas made his entrance amid a jangle of sleigh bells, and threw in the switch that illuminated the tree. The entertainment was given under the patronage of Admiral Story, Lieut. Wood, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Smallwood, and an excellent programme preceded the giving of the presents, the following ladies and gentlemen entertaining the company with many pleasing numbers: The Misses Smallwood, the Misses Hale, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Grimshaw, Miss Porter and Mrs. Murray, Messrs. R. Fanthorpe, Craven, D. Fanthorpe, Dunn, Phillips, Griffith, Fulford, McMaster, Brown, Yates, Doig, Simm, Mullan and Falkner.

After the presents were distributed, refreshments were served to those present, when the hall was cleared for dancing, which was indulged in until midnight, when the singing of the National Anthem brought a very happy evening to a close. The Navy Yard orchestra rendered several very pleasing items during the evening, and also supplied the dance music in a very creditable manner.

CONTINUE TO SIGN UP MEN FOR 230TH

Forestry Battalion's Campaign Through Medium of Concerts in Outlying Districts Proves Successful.

The recruiting campaign being carried out by the 230th Forestry Battalion in the district adjacent to Victoria, comprising Sooke, Colwood, Royal Oak and other localities, is having rapid and definite results. The plan of campaign being adopted is a somewhat novel one, and the concerts so far held at the various centres have proved highly successful, not only as social functions, but as a means of securing men.

A most enjoyable concert and dance was held on Thursday evening at Colwood under the battalion's auspices. The hall was suitably decorated and refreshments were served by the ladies of the Colwood Women's Institute, superintended by the president, Mrs. Bickford.

The musical numbers were all very well rendered and were heartily appreciated by a large audience. Mr. Bickford made an excellent chairman and Mrs. Gordon, of Otter Point, acted as pianist for the dancing. During the evening Lieut. W. F. Loveland, in charge of recruiting for the 230th on Vancouver Island, made a brief address, in which he pointed out the functions of the unit and made a plea for increased enlistment. Music was contributed by Mrs. D. B. McLaren, Miss Rocher, Mr. G. Horrocks, Cpl. Woods and Pte. Peck, Lieut. Hughes playing the accompaniments. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing, and during the intervals Sgt. A. Capon called for recruits. Three responded to the appeal amid the cheers of the audience and promptly signed the necessary papers. Considerable enthusiasm was caused by the men's quick response, and many promises were received by the officers from ladies, who said they would give their support to the battalion's campaign and send them the names of suitable recruits, whose eligibility will be investigated by the recruiting staff.

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SPECIAL CANDY TREAT MATINEE AT PANTAGES

Herbert Brooks, the Popular Magician, Has Delightful Surprise for Children at Performance This Afternoon

The matinee at the Pantages this afternoon will offer a special feature for children. Herbert Brooks, the wonderful magician who is creating the greatest possible interest in the this week's bill, will give the little patrons of the theatre this afternoon a "Candy Treat," and a special line of entertainment that will please them mightily. As a delightful entertainer there is no actor on the stage today who is more capable of giving wholesome enjoyment. His repertoire of tricks is so far above any other performer in this line that comparison is impossible; suffice to say that he is a wonder who has made an art out of a common line of entertainment. Brooks' escape from a steel trunk in less than fifteen seconds is a wonder; it has to be seen to be appreciated.

The Imperial Military Octette of instrumentalists and vocalists, the headliners of the bill, are proving very popular with the audience, having to respond to many encores at every performance; their repertoire is well chosen and pleases immensely.

The Whott Four is a quartette of girls who are pleasing to the eye, who sing songs that are pleasing to the ear; this number is also very popular, and wins much appreciation. Corelli and Gillet are two fellows who have a combination of very entertaining features which include comedy patter, acrobatics and many other things. Bob and Bill Millard offer a pot-pourri of songs, bicycle riding, comedy, juggling. In other words, they present a miniature vaudeville programme all by themselves, and Wilbur Brown has a popular turn with his renditions of Hawaiian music on the ukelele.

"The Shielding Shadow" is introducing more sensational scenes that are masterpieces of stagecraft.

A big New Year treat will be found in the four performances of next week's bill, which will be given Monday.

Making Money Fast

The new steamer Hanna Nielson has left Seattle on her maiden voyage to Asiatic ports, carrying about 12,000 measurement tons of lumber and general freight. The vessel is under charter to Andrew Weir & Company of London, England, at a rate of approximately $77,000 per month. Under the terms of the charter the vessel is excluded from the European war zone.

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BOARD OF TRADE HAS YEAR OF PROGRESS

Questions Dealing With War Conditions Predominate in Work of 1916—Many Objects Achieved.

Matters directly or indirectly relating to war conditions predominated among the great variety of questions dealt with during 1916 by the Victoria Board of Trade, which organization today closes one of the busiest years since its organization. A tremendous volume of business, concerning almost every phase of the city's commercial and industrial life, has received attention at various times during the past twelvemonth, and a review of the Board of Trade's activities would, in a broad sense, give a complete history of Victoria and district from the business standpoint.

The settlement of purely local matters regarding the military and naval status of the city was included in the Board of Trade's war work, but its attention was also claimed to an even greater extent by problems of more far-reaching importance. Exhaustive data was collected and put in shape respecting the settlement of returned soldiers on the land and the finding of employment for them in other ways. A recent communication sent by the Board of Trade to Sir Robert Borden urged him to co-ordinate the endeavors of the several provinces in a general plan for the reception and care of returned soldiers.

Respecting trade after the war, a question which was repeatedly dealt with during 1916, resolutions were passed and sent to the proper authorities, advocating the establishment of preferential trade tariffs among the various parts of the Empire, specially stipulating that all such tariffs be so framed as to develop diversity of industry. It was also recommended that trade should be, as far as possible, retained within the Empire and that outside preference in this regard should be given the nation's present Allies in war. This action is particularly interesting in view of the subsequent course chosen by the Empire, as expressed by her statesmen and other notables.

The opinion of the Board of Trade on the enemy alien question was set forth in the following resolution, which was sent to the Dominion Government: "That subjects of sovereigns of governments in whose countries the law obtains that subjects may not renounce their allegiance or change their citizenship should not be allowed to vote in Canada until such time as such governments concede formally the full right of subjects to change their nationality and waive all claims upon such subjects." The Board of Trade also favored the proposal of putting interned aliens to work on the national highways. The confiscation of the German shares in the Vancouver and Nanaimo Coal Company was a result of the local board's investigations and representations.

Industrial Problems

The keen desire of the Board of Trade to improve Victoria's industrial position was shown by the leading part which it took in all movements calculated to promote business already existing and to encourage and foster the introduction of new commercial enterprise. The efforts made in behalf of linking up the various towns of the Island for the interchange of trade give every indication of achieving the desired object and have already had the effect of stimulating a feeling of fellowship and co-operation among the people of various districts. Much good work in this direction was accomplished by the Agricultural Food Products Committee, which will resume activities early in the New Year. The committee's chief object is to make the Island as much as possible self-supporting in the matter of farm produce supply.

The legislation brought down last Spring to aid shipbuilding was largely modelled along the lines proposed by the Board of Trade in recommendations made to the Government, and it had the effect of giving material impetus to the industry in all the seaports of the Province possessing facilities to build ships. Within the last month or so the Board of Trade has taken a prominent part in the agitation for encouragement to the iron industry and the local construction of steel ships. Its memorial to the Federal authorities asking for the removal of the tariff on materials entering into the building of vessels resulted in the granting of a 99 per cent rebate.

Harbor improvements, pilotage, transportation difficulties and kindred problems were among the questions investigated by committees, and notable progress was made towards bringing about more satisfactory conditions. Among the beneficial changes in transportation secured by the Board of Trade was the revision of the C.P.R. schedule so that ferry steamers connect with Kettle Valley trains without delay, and the action of the Pacific Steamship Company in resuming the call at this port by the steamers President and Governor.

The adoption of definite plans for the development of the former Songhees reserve area as an industrial centre and the provision of bridge and ferry connections between the reserve and the city, and the reserve and Laurel Point and the Outer Docks, were points urged throughout the year, and the prospects point to an early decision on these proposals by the Government.

These are only a few of the many subjects dealt with during the past year. Memorializing Sir Robert Borden on the necessity of building the Esquimalt drydock, encouraging the iron and steel industry and abolishing the labor embargo will be among the first work of 1917, and a mass of other business is on the secretary's file for the next meeting of the council.

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MR. ROBERT S. MULLER

After the first of the year the policy and operation of the Canadian Advertising Agency, Limited, with offices in the Unity Building, Montreal, will be directed by Mr. Robert S. Muller, who has been appointed general manager of the organization. The selection of Mr. Muller by this agency is not unexpected by those who know the organization and its rapid advancement and all agree that the appointment of a man of his calibre as manager is in keeping with the progress of the agency.

It is conceded by the advertising fraternity of Montreal that there is no man in Canada better adapted to handle all phases of advertising and sales promotion. His experience in two countries extending over a number of years has eminently fitted him for his task. Mr. Muller was formerly associated with N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia, Pa., as a copy writer; the Morse International Agency of New York, as copy manager; Steinhardt Bros. & Co., of New York, as advertising manager of wholesole and retail stores; as manager of the wholesale, retail and importing stores of the Sing Fat Company, New York; and as assistant advertising manager of The New York Times.

His Canadian connection has been as Eastern manager of the Gagnier Advertising Service, a post which he has held for three and a half years. Although an American and the son of American-born parents, Mr. Muller quickly absorbed Canadian ideas and during his residence here has become distinctly Canadian in sympathies, spirit and business methods. He believes enthusiastically in the possibilities of Canada as a commercial field and that enthusiasm, coupled with his ability as a sales and advertising counsellor, has been of marked assistance in the successful direction of campaigns for prominent Canadian manufacturers, who have enlisted his services.

Advanced views on agency service—the overcoming of little prejudices that sometimes exist between agencies and publishers—have placed Mr. Muller in high esteem by Canadian publishers. His knowledge of metropolitan newspaper methods and his insistence that his clients must be given the best there is in service, brains and energy, together with his cleancut methods have placed him in the foremost ranks of advertising men.

Some of Canada's largest and most aggressive concerns have entrusted their advertising accounts to him. Among these may be enumerated the Dominion Cartridge Company; Canadian Explosives, Limited; Sherwin-Williams; Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company; Canada Cement Company; Canada Paint Company; Palmers, Limited (Minty's Tooth Paste); B. B. B. Company (Canada), Limited; Craven "A" Cigarettes and Black Cat Cigarettes; Gunns, Limited; Gunn, Langlois & Company; the Grimm Manufacturing Company, etc.

RED CROSS MEETING

Victoria West Branch Receives Satisfactory Financial Report—Will Send Articles and Cash to Head Branch

The committee of the Victoria West branch of the Red Cross Society met yesterday evening at headquarters on Skinner Street, when the secretary's report was received, which showed a cash balance of $44.10, which sum will be handed over to the Victoria head branch of the Society.

At the end of the year the Victoria West branch will also turn over to the head branch the entire stock on hand of made-up materials, consisting of the following articles: 27 pairs of socks, 2 scarves, 8 sweaters, 1 pair of wristlets, 1 dressing gown, 67 various bandages, 6 day shirts, 28 pajama suits. Added to this there will also be handed in 14 complete comfort bags, the result of the shower held on Thursday, as well as $15 in cash realized at the same time.

The committee has elected Mr. Fenwell, the Esquimalt druggist, as treasurer of the branch.

New term, January 2; get particulars. Sprott-Shaw Institute.

ST. NICK INVADES POLICE PRECINCTS

Children of Members of Department, as Well as Grown-Ups, Thoroughly Enjoy First Annual Christmas Treat.

Sounds of childish glee ran throughout the sombre corridors at police headquarters yesterday afternoon when Santa Claus made his first real visit to the precincts of the civic halls of justice and met with a reception which proved how welcome the old gentleman always is with the juvenile element. Eighty children from babes in arms to sturdy youngsters cooed, laughed and cheered at Saint Nick, in regulation costume and with full pack upon his back, climbed down a fire escape and bounced through a window into the drill hall on the top floor of the police station. The youngsters were agog with excitement; they knew Santa was on his way, and the advent of the jolly old man created a miniature riot of merriment and pleasure.

It was the first Christmas tree to be held by the police department and from start to finish proved an unqualified success. The members of the department, when they undertake anything, always score a success, and yesterday's event was no exception to the rule. The function was held as a Christmas celebration for the children of the various members and the juvenile element was out in full force—the sturdiest and merriest bunch of kiddies to be found anywhere. From four o'clock in the afternoon, when supper was spread for the children, until 10 o'clock last evening, when the celebration terminated, the children—and the grownups, too—had the time of their lives. That the event will hereafter become an annual one was determined upon unanimously by young and old. It was a happy and tired lot of youngsters who retired last night to dream of the joys of the day. Special effort was made to have present the children of those men of the force who are now on active service, and their presence proved a real source of gratification.

In the drillroom a magnificent Christmas tree ablaze with lights and decorations and bearing gifts was the centre of attraction for the young folk. Promptly at 4 o'clock the children were lined up and after a march around the tree from which the good things were later to come, the party sat down to supper in the men's recreation room, where long tables, prettily decorated with holly and bunting, fairly groaned beneath a host of good things provided by the wives of the members of the department. The elders waited upon the kiddies and saw that everyone had their fill. Magistrate Jay and Mrs. Jay, Rev. Mr. Chadwick and Mrs. Chadwick and Chief Langley and the other officers of the department and men were indefatigable in their efforts to give the youngsters a good time and they succeeded to the full. Rev. Mr. Chadwick addressed a few words to the children. After the children had fully satisfied themselves they passed a pleasant hour with games and recreations in the drill room while their elders partook of supper.

Promptly at 6:30 o'clock Santa was scheduled to make his appearance, and he did so on the stroke of the clock. Detective Harry Macdonald made an ideal St. Nick, attired in the regulation costume and cap trimmed with fur, and looking the part to perfection. The youngsters fairly shrieked with joy as Santa climbed through a window which was not a bit too large to accommodate his generous proportions. They made a rush and for a few minutes Santa disappeared amid a mass of hysterical youngsters who fairly bore him down. From his capacious sack Santa Claus distributed gifts to every child present and to the elders gave numerous little tokens which added to the merriment of the scene. For half an hour the children kept up their merriment and mobbed Santa until he was almost overcome. After some semblance of order could be restored and not a single youngster had been overlooked, the hall was arranged for the concert, at which an excellent programme was rendered, and the evening concluded with a number of dances.

"COMFORT BAG" CAMPAIGN

The movement for supplying and fitting comfort bags to send overseas to the wounded Canadian soldiers who, having lost their outfits in the trenches, will require new ones to replace them, is becoming every day more and more popular among the Red Cross workers of Victoria and the vicinity.

As a result of the enjoyable entertainment and social held under the auspices of the Esquimalt branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, on Thursday evening, a sum in the neighborhood of $80 was realized for the Comfort Bag Fund, in addition to the large store of individual comforts handed in by the visitors during the evening. Of these enough were received to fill about thirty bags, which will be forwarded as soon as possible.

The shower held by the ladies' committee of the Victoria West branch on Thursday afternoon was also quite successful, enough comforts having been received during the afternoon to fill fourteen bags with the required articles. A cash donation was also received from Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bullen for $15, for which the committee is most grateful.

It is hoped that more showers or circles will be arranged for the near future, as the more workers secured for the society the more assistance can be rendered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Y.W.C.A. Lecture Course—The fifth of the series of lectures which are being given under the auspices of the Educational Department of the Y.W.C.A. will take place on Tuesday evening. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. C. H. Lugrin, and his subject, "Constitutional Government." Since the vote is the privilege of women in future, these lectures are planned with the purpose of bringing to the minds of women and men, a better understanding of constitutional and civil government, which include their rights and duties of citizenship. Mr. Lugrin before each lecture gives a fifteen-minute talk on current events. Each lecture of the course has been most excellent, and many more are promised for the Winter months. Mr. F. A. McDiarmid will speak on January 16 on "Civic Government." The lectures are open to men and women, and there is no fee in connection with them.

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RUGBY GAME FIXED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Teams Representing Military and Civilians Will Meet on Monday Afternoon at Heywood Avenue Ground.

Service duties have interfered to prevent the Rugby team of H.M.S. Otranto from meeting the V.I.A.A. fifteen on New Year's Day and, as most of the Rugby players of H.M.C.S. Rainbow will be away on holiday leave, a Rugby match with a naval team, which it was expected would be brought off, is now out of the question. However, that there will be a Rugby match on New Year's Day seems fairly certain, as W. H. Davies, the V.I.A.A. manager, is arranging a game between military and civilians. He has already got together a fifteen to represent the civilians and has eight men ready "signed on" for the military team. He has yet to hear from one or two of the military units here, and expects to have no difficulty in getting enough players to fill the team.

The match will be played on the Heywood Avenue ground at 2:30 p.m. and will probably be refereed by Sgt. Arthur Hill.

After the holidays it is probable that several Rugby matches will be arranged. The military players will all be back from leave and the first match which is likely to be arranged will be the oft postponed third game between the V. I. A. A. and the B. C. Bantams. Each side is anxious to play this match off, as so far two drawn games have been played by the two teams and both are anxious to play a game to a decisive result.

The present local strength of the 50th Highlanders contains a number of good Rugby players and the prospects of several Rugby teams keeping the old game going in the city is brighter than it has been for a long time.

Devere Meets Langford

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—Devere, a French boxer, practically a newcomer in the game here, had a slight edge on the veteran Sam Langford, the Boston "Tar Baby," in a fast heavyweight boxing exhibition here tonight. In the first two rounds Langford had a good advantage. In the second he could have put Devere out, but let up. From then on the bout went the full ten rounds at a hot clip.

Read Suffers Setback

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 29.—"Sailor" Kirke, of San Francisco, knocked out Jack Read, an American boxer, in the second round of a scheduled 15-round bout here last night. The boxers weighed in at 135 pounds.

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FROM POLE TO POLE

Workmen of the B. C. Telephone Co. and the B. C. Electric Railway Co. continued their amusing pole shuffle exhibition yesterday when they started in on Broad Street, taking down the old wire poles and erecting new poles as near as they could get them to the old poles. The heaviest work was transferring the wires from the old poles.

The performance of the linemen was necessitated by the refusal of the City Council to allow the telephone company to transfer its discarded poles to the B. C. Electric. Under the conduit agreement between the city and the telephone company the telephone company had to remove all its poles on downtown streets as soon as it placed its wires underground. Although the B. C. Electric has been using the same telephone poles for its wires the city decided it could not interfere with the terms of the agreement and decided that the telephone poles simply had to come down in spite of the fact that the B. C. Electric would be forced to put up new poles in the positions occupied by the telephone poles.

The pole shuffle necessitating much expense to the companies has already been carried out on Fort Street and Bastion Street comes next.

The electric light service to some buildings on Broad Street was affected last night through the change.

ATHLETIC DELEGATES MAKE PRUDISH RULE

American Amateur Union Decrees Dress for Women Swimmers Which Would Prove Serious Handicap.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Giggles that have gone from one end of the United States Pacific Coast to the other were started recently when the Amateur Athletic Union, meeting in New York decided to keep women swimmers from competing with the male of the species, and as a side issue decreed that there must be a change in the garb worn by the lady-fish.

The A. A. U. highbrows ordained it to this effect. "All women contestants in swimming events must wear bathing suits of a black texture that covers their bodies from shoulder to toe." The mermaids absolutely refused to get excited over the advice and announced that henceforth, just the same as heretofore, they will follow their own inclinations and wear the popular one-piece kind of Annette Kellerman decollete suits.

The women are united in declaring that the stockings quickly become water bags, retarding the swimmer and making it almost impossible to race.

Another remarked:

"No girl would be able to achieve good time in a suit such as the officials prescribe. The knee and foot must be free. Neither man nor woman in the water feels at home with any fabric clogging the feet and legs. If the costume is insisted upon, it will simply put an end to women racing. But I do not expect Western officials to agree to such narrow-minded and unnecessary regulations."

One woman well known as a swimmer wants to know why the A. A. U. officials did not suggest that the women wear hats and shoes, too.

MILITARY TRAINING NOT POPULAR THERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Physical directors and professors in charge of athletics of the leading colleges and universities of the country gathered here yesterday for the eleventh annual conference of the National Collegiate Association. Nearly 200 institutions are represented.

For several years the association has worked for the betterment of college athletics and has exerted wide influence in effecting the reform of evils which endangered amateur sports. The evil which this year's convention plans to attack is proselyting and this will be discussed by the head masters of several preparatory schools. Another subject that aroused much interest among the delegates was military training, in view of the action taken on the subject at the annual meeting of the Athletic Research Society yesterday. The society went on record unanimously as opposed to military training and adopted a resolution that it believes in compulsory physical education in all schools and colleges in the United States instead of military training.

The society elected Dr. George G. Fisher, of New York, president; G. W. Ehler, of Madison, Wis., vice-president, and Prof. Joseph E. Raycroft, of Princeton University, secretary-treasurer.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Society of Directors of Physical Education in Colleges will be held at Columbia University tomorrow.

PORTLAND WINNER BY TEN TO FIVE

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Portland defeated Spokane in tonight's hockey game, ten to five, before a large crowd of spectators. The contest was fought with spirit on both sides, but the home team took an early lead and was never headed.

Summary—First period: 1, Spokane, Kerr from Lloyd Cook, 5:35; 2, Portland, Irvin from Tobin, 6:15; 3, Portland, Irvin from Tobin, 1:20; 4, Portland, Irvin from Tobin, 2:20; 5, Spokane, McDonald from Leo Cook, :40; 6, Spokane, Lloyd Cook from Nichols, 1:10; 7, Portland, Marples from Jonson, 1:50.

Second period—8, Porland, Johnson, 6:25; 9, Portland, Irvin, 3:45.

Third period—10, Portland, Irvin, 3:08; 11, Spokane, L. Patrick, 1:32; 12, Portland, Johnson, 5:30; 13, Spokane, Lloyd Cook from Nichols, 2:35; 14, Portland, Marples, 2:02; 15, Portland, Tobin, 2:58.

Sharpshooters' League

The Victoria Sharpshooters' League has obtained permission to use the miniature range at the new drill hall, and will commence shooting on Saturday evening, January 6, 1917. Boys between the ages of 12 to 18 years, wishing to join this League, can obtain information by telephoning 2776L or writing to Sharpshooters' League, 344 Simcoe Street.

Would Abolish Rule

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—The plea of the three class A leagues—The International Pacific Coast and American Associations—for the abolition of the draft rule will in all probability be announced when the National Baseball Commission meets in New York next week, President Johnson, of the American League, said tonight.

CLOSE SOCCER GAMES EXPECTED TODAY

All Three Senior Matches Should Produce Close Contests—Wests and Bantams Probably Most Exciting.

The three games on the schedule of the senior soccer league this afternoon are as follows:

V.I.A.A. plays the Willows Camp at the Willows; referee, P. C. Payne.

Garrison plays the Navy at Work Point; referee, A. Lockley.

B. C. Bantams play Victoria Wests at Beacon Hill; referee, B. Robinson.

All three of these games should produce excellent contests between well-matched teams, although the most exciting match of the day will probably be that between the Bantams and the Victoria Wests. At the first meeting of these two teams it was somewhat of a surprise when the Bantams carried off the victory, as the Wests had the reputation of being almost invincible this year. However, the first few games of the series put a different complexion on the football situation and the Bantams acquired the position of favorites for league honors. Several of the Bantams' crack players were formerly members of the Victoria West club, and the battalion line-up was considerably strengthened at the expense of the civilian team.

The Garrison players have a victory over the Navy to their credit, but since it was obtained the Navy showed greatly improved form and got into a winning streak, but they are apparently an in and out team and their form at one match is no criterion of what they will do at the next. The Garrison have also improved their form and have played drawn matches with the best teams in the league. The chances, therefore, are that they will once more take the measure of the Navy when they meet this afternoon on the Garrison's home ground.

The V.I.A.A. and the Willows Camp should play a very even game, and it is quite possible that the V.I.A.A. will score its second win in senior soccer this afternoon.

The following teams have been announced to represent their respective clubs in today's games:

Victoria Wests—Mickelson; Whyte and Shakespeare; McLeod, Petticrew and Allen; Thomas, Petticrew, Penn, Muir and Sherratt.

B. C. Bantams—Meredith; Menzies and Williams; Johnston, Hornsby and Blakeborough; Harker, Gascoigne, Youson, Cornwall and Wilkie. Reserves, Burns and Dyer.

Garrison—Bromley; Gale and Thompson; Martin, Lynn and Forest; Buxton, Rose, Filmore, Stevens and Davies.

Navy—Long; Rutter and Smith; Bridgwater, Davis and Cronin; Hillier, Burtt, Merfield, Cozie and Jasper.

V.I.A.A.—Lefevre; Castle and Brown; Cummins, Taylor and Davies; Fairbairn, McGregor, Elliott Speak and Kirchin. Reserves, McArthur and Dumbleton.

NEW YEAR SOCCER

The New Year's sporting event of greatest interest locally is the inter-city game to be played between Victoria and Vancouver. This match will be played in Vancouver and the following is the revised selection of Victoria players who will make the trip on Sunday to the Mainland to uphold the soccer honor of the capital: Long; Whyte and Shakespeare; Hornsby, Petticrew and Allen; Sherratt, Merfield, Youson, Muir and Wilkie. Franklin will accompany the team as reserve man and Jack Youson, the well-known Wests manager, will make the trip as manager of the team.

Two local matches have been arranged. In the morning the V.I.A.A. and the Willows Camp will play off their postponed league game at the Willows camp and in the afternoon a game will be played by the pick of the civilian players remaining in the city against the military at Beacon Hill refereed by Mr. B. Robsinson and starting at 2:30 o'clock. The team representing the Civilians will be composed as follows: Mickelson; Castle and Elliott; Day, Hill and Angus McKinnon; Thomas, Lomas, Speak, Petticrew and Campbell. Reserves, McGimpsey, Dowel, Archie McKinnon and Holmes. The Civilians will play in the Retailers' colors.

FIREMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Firemen had a little domestic set-to last night at the headquarters station when their senior basketball team was unwise enough to meet the challenge of their intermediate team, and suffered defeat by 24 points to 23. The victorious team was composed of the following players: Pellow, Briers, Mathews, Cromwell and Guy. The seniors, who are thirsting for a chance to retrieve their status are the following: Merrifield, Curley, Reed, Eaves and McDonald.

BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS

In the Commercial League bowling competition last night the Pirates defeated Fairall's, Ltd., at the Arcade Alleys, by 101 pins. The full scores follow:

Pirates			
Heathcote	106	126	154—386
Davison..	145	175	152—472
Miller	156	156	144—456
Romans	126	117	133—376
Rines	110	99	180—389
Totals	643	673	763—2079
Fairall's Ltd.			
Fairalls..	160	120	142—422
McTrewan..	131	123	180—434
O'Kelly..	110	158	101—369
Temple..	189	99	84—372
T. Trewin	136	138	107—381
Totals.	726	638	614—1978

The next game will be played on Tuesday night, when the Outlaws play the B. C. Electric team.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES

Mr. Elmer W. Chave, B.Sc., of McGill University, has taken the position left vacant at the Y.M.C.A. when Mr. Hodges, late physical director of the Association, left the city to reside in the United States. Mr. Chave will occupy the position for the balance of the working year, starting next week, when all the gymnasium classes will be resumed under his direction.

Boys' Secretary Crompton, who is at present in Seattle with some thirty-two boys attending the annual "round-up" of the boys' division of the Y. M. C. A.'s of the Coast division, is expected to return with his charge this afternoon.

WEST PLAY EAST FOR OPENING POLO MATCH

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Teams representing the West and East will compete in the opening polo game at Coronado New Year's Day. The Eastern team will be composed of E. W. Hopping, Thomas Le Boutillier, Alexander S. Cochran, the New York millionaire sportsman, and Lieut. W. A. Robertson. Players on the Eastern team will be Carleton Burke, Robert Neustadt, Major Colin G. Ross, and Lieut. C. K. Rhinehardt.

Several hundred ponies are stabled at the Coronado Country Club and scores of prominent players from all parts of the country are here for the coming tournament which will continue until late in March.

GRAY DEPARTS FOR HIS CANADIAN TOUR

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—George Gray, the Australian billiard artist, left the city yesterday for the East. He will make his first stop at Toronto, and will later play in all the principal cities of the East and work his way westward. "Father Bob" Cliburn and a number of friends were at the depot to see Gray off. Mr. Cliburn expected Gray will perform in Vancouver about February.

Bout for Welsh

Freddie Welsh, the world's lightweight champion, will figure in another 10-round bout on New Year's afternoon. His manager, Harry Pollok, has just completed arrangements for him to box "Chick" Simler at Scranton, which is the latter's home town. Welsh is to receive a guarantee of $1,000 and the privilege of accepting 45 per cent of the gross receipts.

THIS PROMOTER HAS DIFFERENT STORY

Chicago Hotelkeeper Claims That He Brought Darcy to America Through Arrangement With British Consul.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—Leonard R. Hicks, Chicago hotelkeeper and actively identified with the boxing game, today announced that he will be Les Darcy's American "adviser." At the same time Hicks told how he had engineered arrangements for Darcy's coming to the United States through the British consul here.

"I don't care to say that I will be Darcy's manager in this country," said Hicks, upon his return from New York, where he saw the Australian wonder, "but I will advise him in all his business dealings while he is here. Tex Rickard never had a chance of becoming the boy's manager."

"I first began negotiations with Darcy a long time ago through a Chicago banker who has a banker friend in Sydney. He finally got in touch with Darcy in person. Darcy agreed to come. Just at that time the conscription scare came up in Australia and Darcy cabled it would be impossible for him to come. Then he proposed to give a certain sum and a percentage of his earnings to the Red Cross fund if the British Government would give him a leave of absence.

"The arrangements were made through the British consul here. Conscription was defeated in Australia but they made it so hot for Darcy that he decided to leave quietly.

As to his plans in this country, I can say right now that a match with Jess Willard is out of the question. We figured that either Jack Dillon or Mike Gibbons would be the logical man for him to start off his career with. Darcy is anxious to meet Billy Miske, Battling Levinsky, George Brown and Bob Moha, but it will be at least a month before he takes on an actual ring engagement. He thinks it will take him that long to get acclimated."

Money in Sight

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 29.—Harry Sherman, local boxing promoter, today offered a purse of $25,000 for a ten-round boxing contest between Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, and Les Darcy, of Australia, the fight to be staged either in Minneapolis or St. Paul. The winner would receive 75 per cent and the loser 25 per cent. Four of the leading boxing experts of the country would act as judges and the fighters would abide by their decision in case neither man had a marked advantage.

MATHIESON BARRED FROM AMATEUR RINKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Oscar Mathiesen, the European amateur speed skating champion, has been barred from amateur rinks. He had declared his intention of becoming a professional and had arranged for a series of races. He was summoned before the Eastern Skating Union and made no attempt to cover his plans, whereupon, without further ado, he was declared to have forfeited his amateur status and forbidden to start in any of a number of amateur races in which he had entered.

A Question of Volume

"If I stand on my head the blood all rushes to my head, doesn't it?"

No one ventured to contradict him.

"Now," he continued triumphantly, "when I stand on my feet, why doesn't the blood all rush to my feet?"

"Because," replied Hostetter McDougall, "your feet are not empty."

MARINE NOTES

The Pacific Steamship Company's steamer President docked at the outer wharf yesterday afternoon from Seattle, and sailed for San Francisco and San Diego at 5 p.m., carrying a very heavy list of passengers, a large proportion of whom embarked at Victoria. A party of Victorians, including Mr. W. C. Bond and his son, V. Bond, Capt. D. McIntosh, S. D. Tretheway and Wm. Dawson, are on their way to Mexico, and they will be followed by Mr. R. H. Pooley, M.P.P., and L. E. Ibarra, who will leave here on Sunday to meet the party at San Francisco. These gentlemen are interested in a colonization scheme in Mexico, having for its object the growing of bananas and oil seeds.

The Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince Rupert, which has been taken off the Alaska run for a time, arrived in port from Vancouver yesterday morning and proceeded to Esquimalt, where she was drydocked for general overhaul. In the meantime the G.T.P. steamer Prince John will operate north out of Vancouver.

The Harrison Direct Line steamer Crown of Leon, Capt. Oliver, is now at San Francisco completing the loading of her cargo for the United Kingdom, via the Panama Canal.

MARINE CASUALTIES ON PACIFIC COAST

Heavy Loss of Life Marked Couple of Disastrous Shipping Accidents During the Past Year.

A review of the shipping casualties on the Pacific Coast during 1916 shows that in two cases they were responsible for serious loss of life. The foundering of the Vancouver fishing steamer Onward Ho, when all hands, numbering 34, were lost, was the worst blow felt locally, while the wreck of the Roanoke on the California coast was responsible for 40 deaths.

Two steamers, the Seiko Maru and the Rio Pasig, both bound for Vladivostok, have disappeared and have been given up for lost. The most important wrecks, strandings and collisions during the year of interest here follow:

Jan. 12—Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru No. 3, Seattle to Vladivostok; ashore Belle Chaine Reef Mayne Island; floated on July 16.

Jan. 19—Fishing steamer Onward Ho, foundered on fishing grounds; 34 lost.

Feb. 1—Princess Maquinna, grounded Maude Island; floated next day.

Feb. 3—Japanese steamer Kumi Maru, smashed propeller while docking at Johnson Wharf, Vancouver.

Feb. 24—Steamer Venture and motor barge Wakena in collision in the Narrows, Vancouver.

Feb. 26—Quadra sunk in Nanaimo Harbor after collision with Charmer. Salved and reached Vancouver April 24.

Feb. 29—Steamer Fifield, wrecked on Bandon Bar.

March 3—Steamer Northland ashore near Ladysmith.

March 7.—Steamer Camosun ashore near Prince Rupert; floated March 17.

March 16—Cannery tender Alpha foundered near Prince Rupert; 6 lost.

May 9—Roanoke foundered off California coast; 40 lost.

June 8—Barge Argus foundered off Sand Heads.

June 14—American steamer Bear wrecked Blunt Reef; 5 lost.

June 25—Northland sank at dock at Kake, Alaska.

June 26—Liner Barrister ashore on Prevost Island, but floated.

Aug. 10.—Arctic rescue schooner Great Bear wrecked, Pinnacle Rock, Bering Sea.

Aug. 29.—Steamers Humboldt and Providencia in collision near Port Townsend.

Sept. 9.—Queen City burned at Victoria.

Sept. 14.—Steamer Congress on fire near Coos Bay.

Sept. 24.—Shintsu Maru ashore on Sand Heads; floated Sept. 27.

Oct. 10—Schooner Independent sunk, Middleton Island, Alaska.

Oct. 13—Panama Maru ashore near Seattle.

Oct. 25—Governer ashore on Spanish Bank.

Nov. 2—Barge Donald D. broke adrift from tug Dola. Barge total loss. Crew rescued by Prince John.

Nov. 14—Waimarino on fire at Vancouver.

Nov. 15—Waikawa on fire at Vancouver dock.

Nov. 15.—Captain A. F. Lucas rammed by Manhattan at G.T.P. dock, Vancouver.

Nov. 18—Fishing steamer Roman sunk at Snow Passage, Alaska.

Nov. 27—Steamer Neil Neilsen lost rudder off Cape Flattery and towed in.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

SEATLE, Wash., Dec. 29—Arrived: Str. Mariposa, Southwester, via Southeastern Alaska; F. S. Loop, San Francisco; Admiral Schley, San Pedro; Queen, Vancouver, B.C., via Anacortes and Everett; Schooner Maid of Orleans, Paulsbo, in tow tug Iskum. Sailed: Str. City of Seattle, Southern Alaska; President, San Diego, via Victoria and San Francisco; Javary, Shanghai, from Meadow Point; Ravalli, Southeastern Alaska via Dupon; Mariposa, Tacoma; Tug Kingfisher, Anyox, B.C.

SEWARD, Dec. 29.—Sailed: Str. Admiral Watson, westbound.

KETCHIKAN, Dec. 19—Sailed: Str. Bankoku Maru, for Kobe. December 17, arrived, Bankoku, from Seattle.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29—Arrived: Don Benito, Esquimalt. Sailed: Daisy Mathews, San Francisco; F. A. Kilburn, Coos Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29—Arrived: Str. Governor from San Diego; Col. E. L. Drake, Barge 91, Pont Wells; Adelaine Smith, Coos Bay; Moana (British) Wellington; Wm. F. Herrin, Astoria; Jim Butler, Santa Rosala. Sailed: Strs. Tapoe Quinalt, Aberdeen, Raymond Raymond; Elizabeth Bandon; Speedwell, Balboa; Iaqua, Grays Harbor; Schr. Ethel Zane, for Hilo from Port Gamble, thence, Dec. 16, after putting in here on December 24, short of water.

POINT REYES, Cal., Dec. 29—Passed: Str. Frank H. Buck, from Port San Luis, for Vancouver, B.C.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 29—Passed in: Str. Mariposa, for Seattle, 1:50 p.m.

EVERETT, Wash. Dec. 29—Sailed: Str. Queen for Seattle.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29—Arrived: Str. Mariposa, from Seattle.

RECEIVED BY U.S. COMBINATION SERVICE, Dec. 29—U.S.S.C. Manning left Port Angeles bound for Astoria at 9:40 a.m. December 28, Str. Admiral Watson, eastbound at Latouche.

TIME OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN VICTORIA

(Pacific Standard Time for December, 1916)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Date	Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:44	4:21	17	8:00	4:19
2	7:46	4:21	18	8:01	4:19
3	7:47	4:20	19	8:01	4:19
4	7:48	4:20	20	8:02	4:20
5	7:49	4:20	21	8:02	4:20
6	7:50	4:20	22	8:03	4:21
7	7:51	4:19	23	8:03	4:21
8	7:52	4:19	24	8:04	4:22
9	7:53	4:19	25	8:04	4:23
10	7:53	4:18	26	8:04	4:23
11	7:55	4:18	27	8:05	4:24
12	7:54	4:18	28	8:05	4:25
13	7:57	4:18	29	8:05	4:26
14	7:58	4:18	30	8:05	4:27
15	7:59	4:18	31	8:05	4:28
16	7:59	4:18			

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights.

New term, January 2; get particulars. Sprott-Shaw Institute.

SHIP COLLIDES WITH UNKNOWN SCHOONER

Steamer Northwestern, Bound From Portland to San Francisco, Is Damaged

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—The steamer Northwestern, bound from Portland for this port, was in collision with an unknown schooner off Eureka at 5 a.m. today, the damage sustained being two demolished staterooms, part of the rail carried away, and the forward hull dented, extending below the waterline, but the vessel is not taking water.

Change Hotel Plan

Mr. L. D. Chetham, local C.P.R. ticket agent, was advised yesterday by the manager in chief of C.P.R. hotels that the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec, which has heretofore been operated on the American and Europeans plans will, commencing May 1, 1917, be operated on the European plan only. The rates for rooms will be $2 for room without bath and $3 per day for room with bath, and upward.

The next Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner to reach this port from the Orient will be the Tacoma Maru. R. P. Rithet & Company, local agents for the line received a radiogram from the vessel on Wednesday stating that she would arrive at the quarantine station on Sunday morning. She has five passengers and 130 tons of freight for this port.

New term, January 2; get particulars. Sprott-Shaw Institute.

Gordons
730 Yates St. Phone 5510

Today We Hold the Last Remnant Day of the Year

All Drapery Remnants at Great Reductions

For Saturday's selling we will arrange all our Drapery Remnants on one counter. All short lengths from one yard to three or four yards are marked at a fraction of their value, but there are plenty of lengths long enough for curtains, all marked at reduced prices. Some styles there are more than one of the same style. You can choose from H. S. Voile, Scrim, Etamine, Bordered Scrim, Cream Madras Muslins, Bordered and Scalloped Edges, Spot and Figured Muslins, Art Sateen, Chintz, Dimity, Rep, Cretonnes, Scotch Curtain Nets, Bordered and Allover styles—30, 36, 40, 45 and 50-inch goods to select from. Make your choice early as this offering represents some of our best selling styles at great reductions.

Remnants From the Dress Goods Section

An accumulation of short lengths of Dress Goods from the active selling during the month. The collection is arranged on a special counter, and consists of all kinds of fashionable Dress Goods and Silks for skirts, dresses and suits, also many useful lengths of coatings and linings. Prices are almost cut in two for Remnant Day.

Remnants From the Lace Section

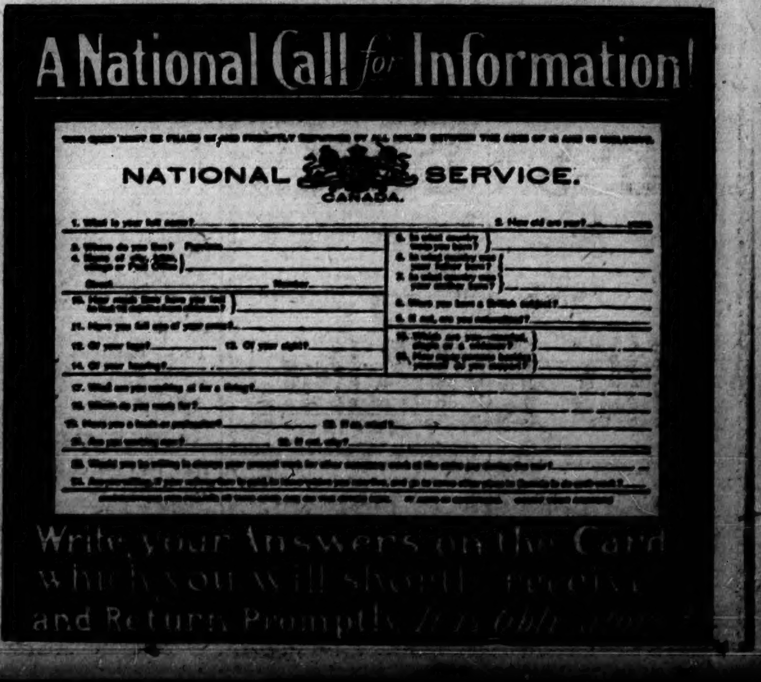
Almost no end to the useful kinds that we have weeded out from our regular stock. Laces of all sorts and all lengths, useful ends of embroideries and flouncings, and odd lengths of veiling and chiffon that are sure to come in handy. Every one is greatly reduced for clearance.

Remnants From the Bargain Basement

The month's selling in this section shows a lot of useful ends of Table Damask, White and Colored Flannelettes, Prints, Ginghams, Toweling, Wrapperettes, in light and dark colors, and Curtain materials. All to be disposed of at prices considerably under regular values.

Remnants From the Staple Section

Hundreds of useful lengths of plain and fancy Crepes, White Cotton, Nainsook, Madapollam, Prints, Ginghams, Sheeting and Toweling. All are marked down for Remnant Day at prices that will insure a quick disposal



A National Call for Information!

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NATIONAL SERVICE.
CANADA.

1. What is your full name? [illegible]
2. How old are you? [illegible]

[illegible]

Write your Answers on the Card which you will shortly receive and Return Promptly [illegible]

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

One cent a word each insertion, five cents a word a week, or a dollar a line a month (six words to a line), cash with order. No advertisement accepted for less than 15 cents.

Business or Professional Cards of four lines or under, $1.00 per week.

No advertisement charged on account for less than $2.00. Phone 11.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices of ratepayers, political, suffrage, patriotic, lodges, society, club or church meetings and services, concerts, socials, etc., inserted under special headings of "Meetings" on classified pages at one cent per word per insertion. As reading matter under heading of "Announcements" on news pages at three cents per word per insertion. In effect September 8.

THE DAILY COLONIST WILL BE FOUND ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES OUTSIDE OF VICTORIA

E. & N. Trains.
V. & S. Trains.
C. P. R. Boats.
G. T. P. Boats.
Jensen Bros. ....Nanaimo, B. C.
Westly Bros. ....Nanaimo, B. C.
F. J. Ellison ....Nanaimo, B. C.
C. H. Pineo ....Alberni, B. C.
C. H. Pineo ....Port Alberni, B. C.
R. Jackson ....Port Alberni, B. C.
H. C. Gidley ....Duncan, B. C.
E. F. Prevost ....Duncan, B. C.
R. Bowell ....Duncan, B. C.
H. Hughes ....Ladysmith, B. C.
J. A. Knight ....Ladysmith, B. C.
Powell M. Bate ....Cumberland, B. C.
W. G. Robertson ....Courtenay, B. C.
L. Deacon ....Sidney, B. C.
Ed. J. Galloway, 732 Granville Street, —Vancouver, B. C.
Hotel Vancouver News Stand, —Vancouver, B. C.
Universal News Co., 134 Hastings St. East, —Vancouver, B. C.
Panama-Pacific News Co., corner Hastings and Columbia Streets, Vancouver, B. C.
G. A. Forsythe, 346 Hastings Street, —Vancouver, B. C.
R. B. Berry ....Vernon, B. C.
Hood Stationery Co. ....Vernon, B. C.
Boston Shoe Shine Parlors, 109a 8th Ave. West ....Calgary, Alta.
C. F. Stanley ....Nelson, B. C.
A. C. Taylor & Co. ....Kamloops, B. C.
A. C. Little ....Prince Rupert, B. C.
James Ogilvie ....Dawson, Y. T.
Dominion News & Cigar Co., 38 Jasper Avenue ....Edmonton, Alta.
Mike's News Stand, First Street and Jasper Avenue ....Edmonton, Alta.
Sam. J. Steinberg, Front of P. O. Door, —Winnipeg, Man.
Murphy Bros., 335 Portage Avenue, —Winnipeg, Man.
My. Schwartz, 413 Main St., Winnipeg, Man.
Queen's Hotel News Stand ....Toronto
Morris Michaels...Windsor Hotel, Montreal
Acme News Co., Second and Union Streets —Seattle, Wash.
Hobart News Co., corner First and Washington Streets ....Seattle, Wash.
W. O. Whitney, 4th and Pike Street, —Seattle, Wash.
Emery C. D. Neal...Port Angeles, Wash.
Sol Duc Hot Springs Hotel, Sol Duc, Wash.
Ben Stubeck, Trader's Bank Building, —Spokane, Wash.
The Bowman News Co., Post Office corner, —Portland, Ore.
O'Hara News Co., corner Fifth and Washington Streets ....Portland, Ore.
Trego News Co., corner Ninth and Pacific Avenue ....Tacoma, Wash.
C. Burke, 11th and Pacific Avenue, —Tacoma, Wash.
California News Co., 6 Market Street, —San Francisco, Cal.
Golden Gate News Co., 789 Market Street, —San Francisco, Cal.
Harriott News Co., corner Turk and Market Streets ....San Francisco, Cal.
Jerry's News Co., Eddy and Powell Streets, —San Francisco, Cal.
United News Agents, corner Eddy and Market Streets ....San Francisco, Cal.
N. M. Wheatley, corner Market and Kearney Streets ....San Francisco, Cal.
Beck News Co., corner McAllister and Market Streets ....San Francisco, Cal.
C. D. Lauer, 14th and Broadway, —Oakland, Cal.
W. B. Phipps, Fifth and Broadway, —Los Angeles, Cal.
Marvel News Shop ....Los Angeles, Cal.
Olson & Barber ....Los Angeles, Cal.
World Wide News Agency, —Long Beach, Cal.
Child's News Agency, corner Fifth and D Streets ....San Diego, Cal.
Child's News Agency, corner Fifth and F Streets ....San Diego, Cal.
Pacific News Agency, corner Sixth and Broad Streets ....San Diego, Cal.
Yama News Co. ....Kansas City, Mo.
Pope Newspaper Agency, N. W. cor. Clark and Van Buren Streets....Chicago, Ill.
Donato Barnese, 546 S. Wabash Avenue, —Chicago, Ill.
Quaker News Co., 717 North Marshal St., —Philadelphia, Pa.
Batts News Co., 17th and Welton Sts., —Denver, Col.
Hub News Co., City Hall Ave., —Boston, Mass.
International News Co., 804 Washington Street ....Boston, Mass.
F. Schwartz, 1832 Prospect Avenue, —Cleveland, Ohio.
Busy Corner News Stand, Walker Bank Building ....Salt Lake City, Utah.
Garfield News Co., 46 Monroe Avenue, —Detroit, Mich.
Post Office News Stand, West Park St., —Butte, Mont.
Gerald News Co. ....Great Falls, Mont.
Hotaling's News Agency, Grand Central Depot ....New York, N. Y.
St. Bride's Publishing Co., 36 Fleet Street, —London, E. C., England
Dawe Steamship Agency, 17 Green Street, Charing Cross Road...London, England
W. J. Attwood, 176 Fratton Street, —Portsmouth, Eng.
Grant's, 8 Lords Streets, Arcade, —Liverpool, England.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

AUCTIONEERS

BILL MAYNARD, Auctioneer, 847 Yates Street, phone 4218. Sales every Thursday.

GEORGE FERRIS, furniture dealer, auctions arranged. 1419 Douglas Street, phone 1879.

BUILDERS AND CARPENTERS

CARPENTRY—Alterations and repairs, roofs repaired, and guaranteed. T. Thirkell, phone 2889L. Estimates free.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING

CHIMNEY Sweep—Lloyd. Phone 2183L1; 15 years' experience in Victoria.

CHIMNEY Sweeping—C. White. Phone 2008. Satisfaction guaranteed. Town or country.

DRYGOODS—WHOLESALE

WHOLESALE Drygoods—Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd., wholesale drygoods, importers and manufacturers; men's furnishings, tents, "Big Horn" brand shirts, overalls. Mail orders attended to.

EMBOSSED STATIONERY

PRIVATE stationery embossed in any design or color. The Colonist Printing Co., Ltd.

EXPRESS AND TEAMING

DRAYMEN—Victoria Truck & Dray Co., Ltd. Phones 13 and 4768.

DRAYMEN—Joseph Heaney; office at 1218 Wharf Street; phone 171.

ENGRAVING

STENCIL and Seal Engraving—General engraver and stencil cutter, George Crowther, 816 Wharf St., behind postoffice.

HALF-TONE ENGRAVNIG

ZINC and copper illustrations of every description at The Colonist, Photo Engraving Department.

JUNK

JUNK—Wanted, scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, cast iron, sacks, bottles, rubber, highest prices paid. Victoria Junk Agency, 1316 Wharf Street, phone 1336. Branch store 1466-8 Store St.

LIVERY, BOARD AND SALE STABLES

LIVERY—Victoria Transfer Co., Ltd., Tel. 129. Best service in the city.

LITHOGRAPHING

LITHOGRAPHING — Lithographing, engraving and embossing. Nothing too large and nothing too small; your stationery is your advance agent; our work is unequalled west of Toronto. The Colonist Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.

MEDIUM AND HEALER

R. KNEESHAW, Medium and Healer, 1066 Oliphant Avenue. Consultation daily; circles Tuesday and Friday, 8 p. m. Take No. 6 car. Phone 1961L.

SHOW CARD SCHOOL

McDERMOTT'S show card school, 502 Central Bldg.

PLASTERING AND CEMENT WORKS

J. ALLEN, Plasterer—Estimates given on plain and ornamental plastering, cement work, repairing, etc. Phone [illegible]. 1325 Beach Drive.

PATENTS

PATENTS, trade marks, designs, copyrights. Fetherstonhaugh & Co., the old established firm of patent attorneys. Offices, 1020 Rogers Bldg., Vancouver, B. C.

PATENTS—Rowland Brittain, registered attorney, patents in all countries. Fairfield Bldg., opposite postoffice, Vancouver, B. C.

PRINTING

WHY send your printing orders East when you can get them done better, quicker and at the same price, at The Colonist Printing Department.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

SECOND-HAND AND JUNK

WE buy absolutely everything: clothes, furniture, carpets, stoves, heaters, sacks, rags, bottles, copper, brass, lead, etc. British Columbia Second-Hand and Junk Co., phone 2983, or phone 3946R, after 6 p. m.

TYPEWRITERS AND SUPPLIES

TYPEWRITERS—New and second-hand; repairs, rentals; ribbons for all machines. United Typewriter Co., Ltd., 732 Fort Street, Victoria. Phone 4798.

SEWER PIPE AND TILE MANUFACTURES

SEWER pipe ware, field tile, ground fire clay, etc. B. C. Pottery Co., Ltd., Broad and Pandora.

UNDERTAKERS

B. C. FUNERAL Co. (Hayward's, Ltd.), established 1867. Always open. Quiet, private parlors; large furnished chapel; reasonable charges. 734 Broughton Street. Phone 2235.

WINDOW CLEANERS

ISLAND Window Cleaning Company; pioneer firm. For promptness, phone 3815 or 5195L. 346 Arnold Ave.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

ACCOUNTANTS

BAWDEN, KIDD & Co., Chartered Accountants, Assignees, etc., 421 and 422 Central Building, Victoria, B. C. Phone 4286.

DENTISTS

DR. LEWIS HALL, Jewell Block, corner Yates and Douglas Streets.

H. LE ROY BURGESS, 307-308 Campbell Building.

DR. F. G. KEENE has opened offices in Central Building. Suite 412-13-14. Phone 4369.

FOOT SPECIALIST

MADAME JOSEPHE, foot specialist; corns permanently cured; consultations free. Rooms 407-408 Campbell Building, phone 2854.

NURSES

THE Rex Sanitarium for Women—Chronic nervous, convalescent, surgical and maternity cases; rates reasonable. Telephone Capitol 515. Leeanna Mae Hume, Matron, 229 Broadway North, Seattle, Wash.

TUITION

ENGINEERS instructed for certificates, marine, stationary, Diesel. W. G. Winterburn, 503 Central Bldg., phones 2474 and 4311L.

INTERNATIONAL Correspondence School, 1322 Douglas, corner Yates and Douglas; phone 1936O. Open 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

KINDERGARTEN and Preparatory School, Wick Building, 1093 Fort Bay Road, Victoria. The above school will reopen on January 1, 1917. Hours 9:30 to 12; new pupils enrolled. Principal, Miss E. A. Wright.

PROF. ARMAND, B. A. (Paris Univ.), gives lessons in Gouin method, French, at Sprott-Shaw Institute, Pemberton Block.

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

SHORTHAND School, 1011 Government Street. Shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping thoroughly taught; graduates filling good positions. E. A. Macmillan, principal.

MUSIC

GEORGE L. GREGORY, teacher of pianoforte and 'cello, 415 Parry St., phone 4089L.

MADAME WEBB, piano, singing, theory; 28 successes 1916 R. A. M. exams. Phone 462R.

PIANOFORTE

BOND pianist and teacher of advanced technique; special attention given to children; 20 years experience; pupils visited; terms. Box 3308, Colonist.

MRS. E. SEMPLE, pianist and experienced teacher of piano; pupils prepared for examinations if desired. 1473 St. David Street, cor. Newport Road: phone 3654R2.

VETERINARY COLLEGES

S. F. VETERINARY College begins Sept. 11; catalogue free. C. Keane, president. 1818 Market St., San Francisco.

HELP WANTED—MALE

FORTY men wanted at Government drydock at 9 o'clock.

LAW Student—Messrs. Jackson & Baker have a vacancy for junior student.

MARRIED couple for country home, free rent and fuel. Mr. James Todd, Mt. Tolmie P. O.

SEE female help Ad., Superior schools.

TELEGRAPHERS — Graduates assisted; complete equipment, qualified instructors. Sprott-Shaw School, Pemberton Blk.

WANTED—Boys to deliver circulars today. Phone 3372.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

A RELIABLE person for housework, family of three, no children, good home, good wages. Apply P. O. Box 1536.

A WOMAN for plain cooking, help in general housework. Phone 1075R2.

CAPABLE middleaged woman to do general work for one lady. Apply phone 1048, 8 to 10, morning or evening.

GIRL wanted for light housework. Apply Mrs. Baird, 1347 Pandora Ave.

HAVE a prosperous New Year. Learn telegraphy, wireless or one of our commercial courses; classes forming January 2; three highly qualified instructors. Superior Schools, Hibben-Bone Building, 1122 Government Street, phone 3372.

LADY, engaged during day, wishes responsible person to take charge of home and child 3 years. 1198 St. Patrick Street, Oak Bay.

LADY offers soldier's wife or middleaged lady, nice housekeeping rooms in return for light chores and company at night. Phone 2956L.

WANTED—Girl as mother's help. Phone 3034X.

WANTED—Quick capable girl for general help, wages $15. Rockland Avenue, phone 2744.

WANTED—Reliable person for daily work, 9 to 5:30. Apply 23 Dallas Ave., phone 3330R.

WANTED—Young girl or middle-aged woman to look after flat. Phone 4020R after 6 p. m.

WANTED—A good cook-general, two in family, wages $18 month. Box 3307, Colonist.

WANTED—A schoolgirl to assist with children from 3 to 7. Apply 2446 Bowker Ave.

WANTED—Capable woman to do general housework; required only for the afternoons; must have good recommendations; state pay expected. Address Box 3376, Colonist.

WANTED—Cook-housekeeper, St. George's School, 1249 Rockland Ave.

WANTED—Resident governess, Latin, Maths, physics. St. George's School, 1249 Rockland Avenue.

WANTED—Girl for mother's help. Phone 5042L.

WAITRESS wanted. Apply Vernon Cafe, 1208 Douglas St.

WANTED—Girl or woman for general housework, family of two; must speak Spanish. Box 3372, Colonist.

WANTED—A working housekeeper, middle age, for the country, where there are three children; good wages for right party. Or married couple. Box 3235, Colonist.

WANTED—A capable housekeeper. Mrs. Skrimshire, Quamichan Lake School, Duncan.

WANTED—Sewer and alterer. Apply after 6 p. m., 812 Johnson Street.

WANTED—Young girls to learn the dressmaking; thoroughly taught. Apply 325 Sayward Building.

YOUNG girl, four days a week, to help with housework and care of two children. Phone 2645L, or apply 1589 Earle St.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

DISCHARGED medically unfit married man wants work, any kind of garden work will suit, in or near Victoria, B. C. W. P. Stephens, 1119 14th Avenue, Hillhurst, Calgary, Alta.

JOB as teamster. Box 3271, Colonist.

ON HING & Bro., 569 Fisgard Street, Chinese employment agency; prompt and quick service. Phone 287.

POSITION by first-class Chinese cook for hotel, restaurant or private family. Phone 3641R. A. Lee.

TRUSTWORTHY young man wants light work at once; can milk. Augustine Ganthier, Victoria, General Delivery.

YOUNG Chinese wishes position as elevator boy. Apply phone 3044.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

AT The Ladies' Agency, 326 Sayward Building, a lady requires post as housekeeper or companion, in the country; very domesticated and good cook. Phone 2486.

A YOUNG lady desires position in stationery store. Box 3326, Colonist.

AN experienced governess, disengaged in January; pupils prepared for entrance examination. Box 2791, Colonist.

COOK, experienced, wants situation. Box 3204, Colonist.

ENGLISHWOMAN wants washing, housework daily. Phone 3619R.

POSITION, housekeeper or other work, competent English lady. Box 3296, Colonist.

SITUATION as cook-general by experienced young woman; best references. Box 3316, Colonist.

SITUATION wanted by cook-general, good plain cook. Box 3260, Colonist.

DRESSMAKING

DRESSMAKING at home or by the day. Phone 3396L.

WANTED—Dressmaking, also day sewing, $2 per day. Phone 665R.

HOUSES FOR SALE

CHEAP—Four-room modern house, good garden, $1,600. 2885 Park View Drive, Gorge.

SALE or exchange for small, close in acreage, or rent $14 month, good house, fully modern, Fairfield; furnace, etc. Box 3088, Colonist.

ACREAGE FOR SALE

A CHARMING homesite, 12 miles city, a small section, 66 acres together with house and outbuildings, on main road and railway, running stream of water, some good land, part cleared; there is a lot of timber, Douglas fir and cedar, probably one million feet; price $100 per acre. (Real estate please copy). Owner, A. Cosh, Metchosin, phone 12 M, Belmont.

ACREAGE WANTED

WANTED to rent, 2 to 4 acres, small house, fruits and chicken run, inside 2½-mile circle; rent must be cheap. Full particulars to Box 3261, Colonist.

WANTED to hear from owner of good farm for sale. Northwestern Business Agency, Minneapolis, Minn.

WANTED—Partly improved acreage with house in exchange for business property in Victoria; revenue producing. Box 2930, Colonist.

MISCELLANEOUS

A FIVE-passenger Ford for hire, with driver, by the hour, day or week; rates reasonable. Phone 3929Y.

AGRICULTURAL Lime for farm and garden; builder's lime. Exton & Howell, 815 Central Bldg. Phone 2093.

HAIRDRESSING, manicuring, chiropody. Madam Ketterman's Beauty Shop, Pemberton Block, phone 3783.

PUSS in Boots—All accounts against the "Superfluities" for this pantomime production must be tendered to Superfluities, Belmont House, on or before January 3, after which date none can be recognized by Henry Pearce.

USE of land in return for fence. Particulars, 422 Menzies Street.

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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

ALL black soil and manure delivered. Phone 168.

AMATEUR theatrical articles for sale. 422 Menzies Street.

AN almost new brown tweed suit, silk dress, silk vanity bags and several other articles for sale at a very reasonable price. Apply 707½ Yates Street Room 7, between 1 and 5 p. m.

ADS should be changed frequently and run daily or at least every other day. See Newton Advertising Agency, 24 Winch Building.

ALL black soil and manure delivered. Phone 1864.

A SINGER shoe repairing machine in good condition. P. O. Box 103, Chemainus, B. C.

BLACK melton overcoat, warmly lined, 38 inch chest, price $5. Phone 2653X.

CITY Mart, 726 Fort Street, the cheapest place in the city to buy your second-hand furniture, stoves, carpets, etc. Everything at half price. Furniture bought and exchanged. Phone 1433.

COLUMBIA Grafonola with 40 records, Kubelik, Denstinn, Parlow; cost over $300, quick sale $100. Also beautiful large Davenport, French tapestry, cost $125, sell for $50. Box 3346, Colonist.

COOK Stove—7-foot Albion Steamboat, perfect order, coil, boiler, flue; cost nearly $200; sell cheap for cash. Dale, Quarry, Albert Head.

FINEST roots of rhubarb, raspberries, wineberries, loganberries, $1.00 per doz.; black and red cherry currants yearlings, 25c each; largest phenomenal blackberries, 25c each; strawberry plants, 75c per 100, choice flower plants. M. M. Rudd, Buena Vista, Burnside Road. Phone 1983R1, Stall 14, Market Bldg.

FOR Sale—Two handsome evening gowns and cloak. 817 McClure Street, phone 3273.

FOR Sale—White enamel bath, 5 ft. 6 in., full size, nearly new. Phone 785L.

FOR Sale—650 paper shakers for New Year's Eve. Dominion Carton and Printing Works.

MILL wood for $3 double load. Phone 4130R.

MILL wood, $3 cord. Marlow, phone 3303R.

MALLEABLE steel ranges, $1 down and $1 per week. Phone 4689. 2001 Government St.

SACRIFICE for quick sale, 8 h.p. gas engine, coils, propeller, etc., all complete. 2516 Government Street.

SINGER Machines—Several used sewing machines at special prices for cash or payments; guaranteed by the Singer Shop, 1214 Broad St.

SOUTHALL for stoves and ranges, corner Yates and Quadra; exchanges made, coils made and connected, stoves bought. Phone 4229R.

8% OF the failures in business during the past twelve months were non-advertisers. Newton Adv. Agency, Winch Building, Victoria, B.C.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

ATTENTION—Highest prices paid for cast-off clothing or anything else. Phone 2192, 1324 Government Street.

A QUANTITY of flower pots, six or seven inch mostly. State quantity and price. P. O. Drawer 578, city.

A MAN'S fur lined coat. State lowest price for cash. Box 3367, Colonist.

ANYTHING you have to sell, no matter what it is, phone 4423L. We buy everything and pay best prices. 541 Johnson Street. Will call to any address.

ALL kinds of ladies' and gent's discarded clothes, shoes, etc., wanted; will pay best prices. We call. Phone 4423L, or write 541 Johnson St.

ARMENIAN store pays high prices for ladies' and gent's clothing. Phone 3866. T. Sam, 534 Johnson Street.

AT the Armenian store, we buy everything, no matter what it is, stoves, clothing, shoes and furniture. Phone 3866. 534 Johnson Street.

ANYTHING bought and sold. Victoria Second-Hand [illegible] and Furniture store, 630 Johnson Street, phone [illegible].

BEST price paid for gentlemen's clothing, old gold and silver. Phone [illegible]. 1421 Government St.

BEST prices paid for ladies' and gent's left-off clothing. Also good second-hand furniture wanted; we call. Phone 4430X. 749 Fort Street.

BEST prices paid for gent's cast-off clothing; give me a trial. Phone 3007. 1409 Store Street.

CASH paid for false teeth, sound or broken. 541 Johnson St.

CORDWOOD wanted, 50 or 100 cords; state lowest cost cash. Phone 2961R.

HIGHEST prices paid for ladies' and gent's clothing, any condition. Phone 3761. All business strictly confidential.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS
(Continued)

SMALL house of furniture, cheap for cash. Box 3271, Colonist.

STRONG rig, milk delivery. C. Milliman, Aldridge Street, Mount Tolmie.

NOTICE—Mrs. Hunt, wardrobe dealer of Winnipeg and Calgary, is open to buy and sell high-class ladies', gent's and children's clothing, evening and party dresses; also soiled stocks bought to any amount; special offers for gentlemen's clothes; business done strictly private. A lady buyer will call, or call at 818 Johnson Street, corner of Blanshard, phone 4021.

SELL your rubber tires, 5c; brass, 14c; copper, 20c to 22c; lead, 6c; zinc, sacks, 5c to 6c; rags, 1c, to Canadian Junk Co., 509 Johnson Street, phone 5095.

SELL your rubber tires, brass, copper, lead, zinc, sacks, rags, to Canadian Junk Co., 509 Johnson St. Phone 5095.

WANTED to buy some good linoleum, cheap. Phone 3946R.

WANTED—A gent's second-hand suit and underwear; good condition. Phone 3946R.

WANTED—Cyphers incubator. Phone 4138R.

WILL pay full value for tires; all sizes. We are not junk dealers. Box 3335, Colonist.

1,000,000 MORE empty sacks wanted. D. Louis, 919 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria, B. C. Phone 3493.

TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

DESK room in nice bright front office, as good as ground floor; with typewriter and phone. Apply 24 Winch Bldg.

FURNISHED front office for rent in Jones Building, Fort Street. Apply Room 109.

WANT TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED to rent or lease, a farm from 160 to 200 acres, must be all cleared land and under cultivation, to be near a good market town and railway station, with good house and buildings, and water on the premises; the land must be good, fertile soil suitable for mixed farming, and the rent reasonable. Address Box 2972, Colonist.

WANTED—Store suitable, for butcher, moderate rent, or would entertain partnership. Box 3288, Colonist.

ROOM AND BOARD

FIRST-class rooms, board optional; furnace, open fires, table board. 926 Humboldt Street, phone 4837L.

LARGE bright room, open fireplace, heated, 1202 Fort Street. Phone 2022R.

821 BURDETTE Ave., opposite cathedral; board optional; terms moderate. Phone 1097L.

ROOM AND BOARD WANTED

WANTED—Warm, well lighted room with board, within ten minutes' walk of St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill. Box 2835, Colonist.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

AT 524 Michigan Street, comfortably furnished housekeeping rooms; reasonable. Phone 2414L.

BELLEVUE Hotel, 734 Yates Street; a limited number of housekeeping rooms; all modern conveniences; reasonable rates.

EXCELSIOR housekeeping rooms, 407 Belleville. Phone 902L.

FAIRFIELD Hotel — Newly furnished housekeeping rooms; prices reasonable. Phone 3293O.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, two; phone; partially furnished, every convenience. 452 Chester Street.

FURNISHED ROOMS

A COMFORTABLE room, quiet home, central. Phone 4522R.

FLATS OR APARTMENTS

AT 271 Michigan Street, furnished and unfurnished flat.

JAMES Bay, 4-room flat, furnished. Apply The Beehive, Douglas Street.

MOUNTVIEW Apartments, Fairfield, furnished suite, $9. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government.

HOUSES FOR RENT

FAIRFIELD, near park and car, 7 rooms, furnace, tubs, gas, $15. A. A. Meharey, 409 Sayward Block.

FIVE-room bungalow, close Willows car, $5. 1054 Burdett Avenue.

FOUR-room house, $6, close in. Apply 476 Dupplin Road, end Douglas car.

JAMES Bay—For rent, desirable cottage, six rooms, only $12 month. Phone 1008L.

LARGE 5-room modern bungalow, close in, large grounds, garage and chicken house, new range, little furniture, for sale; everything very cheap. 2415 Fernwood Rd.

LIST your furnished and unfurnished houses with Brown & Heath, Ltd., Jones Bldg. They have clients waiting. Phone 874.

NICE bungalows and houses in Fairfield. Apply Brown & Heath, Ltd., Jones Bldg. Furnished and unfurnished.

"ROCKWOOD," 429 Lampson Street, close to golf links and sea, modern in every respect, furnace, hardwood floors, 8-room, full basement, electric fixtures go with house; possession 1st January. Apply T. H. Slater, 511 Union Bank, phone 4899.

SMALL cottage, four rooms, bath, pantry, $7, including water. 3272 Alder Street, Cloverdale. Phone 3374L.

SIX-room house, modern, close in. Apply 1054 Burdett Ave.

TEN-room modern house, bathroom, kitchen, furnace, situated Oliphant Avenue, corner Cook Street, close Beacon Hill park, rent $10 month. Apply Wise & Co., 102 Pemberton Block.

UNFURNISHED, 5 rooms, new, modern; rent, $15. 271 Michigan St.

1550 NORTH Hampshire Road, 7 rooms, including range, linoleum, blinds, $12; some furniture for sale. Apply at house.

WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

FIVE-room house, semi-furnished or otherwise; rent must be reasonable to good tenant. Box 3282, Colonist.

MODERN six-room house, close in. Apply 1054 Burdett Avenue.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

AN extra well furnished house, Esquimalt district. Apply Green & Burdick Bros., phone 4169.

BANK Street, beautifully furnished 6-room bungalow, piano, furnace; rent $22.50. Phone 1165L.

COMFORTABLE 4-room cottage, convenient, rent moderate. Phone 1412.

FURNISHED bungalow, six rooms, $25. Phone 3954L. 1115 Mears.

FURNISHED house, 6 rooms, furnace, modern, Oak Bay, near hospital, close to car, $20 to suitable tenant. T. H. Slater, 511 Union Bank, phone 4899.

MODERN cottage, furnished, for rent, near Hillside car. Phone 2840R.

NINE-ROOMED house, Oak Bay, best of view, 60 feet of enclosed veranda, stone garage near car and beach, 2 lots, small fruit and poultry run, especially favorable terms to party who would board High School boy. Phone 3837R.

TO Rent—Residence on Linden Avenue, modernly furnished, garage; reasonable. Apply 1023 Linden Avenue, phone 5063L.

TRENT Street (close Fort), furnished 5-room house, large garden, rent $16. Phone 1165L.

WE have a large list of choice furnished houses close in, and near car, from $25 to $65. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank.

$14 MONTH, well furnished bungalow (new), near Jubilee Hospital. 1744 Second Street. Key next door.

FURNISHED HOUSES WANTED

A SMALL furnished cottage or apartment by two ladies. Apply phone 1045R.

PARTY willing to take year's lease on 6-room modern furnished bungalow with furnace heat. Careful tenant; no children. Address Box 3358, Colonist.

WANTED—Six or 7-room house, furnished, central to town. Box 3333, Colonist.

WANTED to rent by the month, in Oak Bay district, 5 or 6-room furnished house with bathroom; must be close to beach and carline. Address Box 3343, Colonist.

WANTED—January 2, care of house in return for low rent. Box 3064, Colonist.

WANT TO EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE—Five or ten-acre blocks, close in, Saanich district; will trade for clear title houses in city. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank.

WILL exchange for bungalow in Victoria, this improved farm, 98 acres, partly cleared, on good automobile road, three miles from railway station, good house and outbuildings, excellent fruit land, river frontage. Apply Brown & Heath, Ltd., Jones Bldg.

WE specialize in exchanging all classes of property; 300 trades to choose from. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government St.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

BEFORE selling your poultry, phone 4063L, or write 422 Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C.

FOR Sale—Jersey cow, freshened 24th. Box 3286, Colonist.

FOR Sale—Jersey cow, freshened 24th; also cows in full milk.

FOR Sale—One young Mammoth Bronze gobbler; splendid bird, about 20 lbs. weight; price $10. P. O. Drawer 578, city.

FOR Sale—Pedigreed English bull terrier puppies; splendid specimens, pure white. Box 3360, Colonist.

FIELD workers—Champion bred English Setter, 3 months puppies by Rigi Montez; parents broken; $10 each, $17.50 pair. 939 Cowichan Street.

LOOK Here—The Victoria Transfer Co. has for sale horses, harness and rigs of all classes; complete outfits for market gardeners and ranchers at low rates. Call and see us if you need anything in our line. Baggage and furniture handled promptly and at reasonable rates.

MILK goats wanted. Give particulars, age, breed, when fresh, amount of milk. R. G. Edwards, Ponoka, Alta.

PIGS—From eight weeks to four months, about 50 to dispose of at prices ranging from five to nine dollars. On and after February 1st, 1917, we will have about 100 pure bred White Yorks with or without pedigree at current market prices. Address Box 3338, Colonist.

ROCKSIDE Poultry Farm, Lakehill P. O. Buyers of poultry in large or small quantities; write or phone; we will call. We pay highest cash prices. Phone 4344.

SINGING canaries for sale. Apply 2531 Blanshard.

TIRES—Brand new, 35x4½; 50% off. Phone 5045.

WANTED—Holstein cow, about due, second or third calf. Apply Wm. McDonald, 1430 Government St.

WANTED—Six Pekin drakes, or would exchange ducks for drakes. Box 3315, Colonist.

WANTED to hire or buy horse for delivery. Box 3328, Colonist.

WE pay the highest price for poultry of any kind; cash at your door. Phone 4344. Rockside Poultry Farm, Lake Hill P. O.

WANTED—Horse for keep, light delivery work. Phone 5417.

WANTED—Chickens or ducks, any quantity, cash paid at your house. Phone 5019L or write 615 Elliot St., City.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Sunday afternoon, on Douglas Street, child's bracelet. Ring up 530, after 5 o'clock.

FOUND—Wire-haired terrier, female, tan and black head, black spot over tail; has collar. Phone 3469.

LOST—Baby's gold bangle, Victoria West. Reward. Phone 2634R.

LOST—Between Royal Victoria Theatre and Empress Hotel, lady's brown leather driving glove, fur lined. Phone 4013L1.

LOST—Lady's handbag containing three keys and two dollar bill. Suite D, Cowper Apts.

LOST—On Sunday, a wide black Jersey belt. Phone 3031L.

LOST—Brown fur muff about two weeks ago. Phone 3163R.

LOST—On Christmas night, a gold Eastern Star pin. Reward. Mantle Dept., Finch's, Ltd., Yates Street.

LOST—Wire-haired Terrier, 1 year, bitch. Phone 5417. Reward.

LOST on Sunday, brown and white spaniel puppy, near Fernwood Road. Return to 1838 Cowan Street. Reward.

LOST—From Cloverdale Avenue, first week June, small white and yellow wire-haired terrier, short tail, answers to name "Dick"; seen vicinity post office last week. Reward. P. O. Box 1171.

LOST—In Malahat district, December 14, Airedale (bitch), answers to name of Lady. Phone 449, or address A. H. Dobson, Esquimalt, B. C. Reward.

STRAYED from 1648 Rockland Avenue, young grey Persian cat. Phone 1893.

AUTOMOBILES

AUTO Snaps—Buy a Ford almost brand new and save $200; several other snaps. Cameron, 521 Superior Street, behind Parliament Buildings.

AUTO—Two-seater, good condition, $275, or piano, with some money. Phone 4858L.

FOR Sale—Five-passenger automobile, Studebaker, 30 h.p., 1912 model, cheap for cash. Apply Gordons Limited, Yates St.

FOR Sale—Owner returning to the front, 1914 Cadillac in perfect running order and repair; 2-speed axle, 5-passenger touring body; only run 8,500 miles. Capt. A. D. Macdonald, 664 Head Street, phone 382.

FORD car, 5-passenger for sale, in excellent running order, $250. Apply Davie's Garage, 617 Vancouver St.

HUPMOBILE, 1914, electric lights and starter, cheap, quick sale. Phone 1676X2.

I MUST sell my one-ton Gramm truck; it is in perfect shape. I have left it with Mr. Cameron, 521 Superior Street, for sale.

1916 FORD for sale, new in May this year, in perfect shape; owner must sell this morning, cheap for cash. Cameron, 521 Superior Street, behind Parliament Buildings.

TO LEASE

SOME of the best farms in Saanichton, for lease with or without stock or for sale; stock all recently tested, with certificate. Phone 15Y, Saanichton.

PERSONAL

MADAME ROBERT, a native of France and a renowned psychic, is here for a short time only; consultation from 1 to 6 p. m. Circles Tuesday and Thursday, 8 p. m. Spirit messages. Room 104, Metropolis Hotel, Yates Street.

MADAME CEERA, psychic medium, can be consulted on all affairs of life at 820 Craigflower Road daily from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m. Spirit messages. Phone 3360. Gorge cars pass door.

CROFT & ASHBY

Phone 2990—634 View Street—P. O. Box 980

TIMBER Lands—Over 60,000,000,000 feet in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington.

MINES, farms, pulp propositions.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years, renewal for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5 George V. assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

A By-Law

To raise $40,000 for the purpose of constructing a steel bascule swing or lift bridge across Victoria Harbor at Rock Bay, and repairing and strengthening the trestles and approaches of said Rock Bay bridge.

Whereas it is necessary to raise the sum of $40,000 for the purpose of constructing a steel bascule swing or lift bridge across Victoria Harbor at Rock Bay, and repairing and strengthening the trestles and approaches of said Rock Bay bridge;

And whereas it is expedient to make the principal of the said debt repayable in such yearly sums during the period of twenty (20) years as are shown in Section 3 of this By-Law, pursuant to Section 97, subsection 4 (c) of the Municipal Act;

And whereas the whole rateable land and improvements or real property of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria, according to the last revised Assessment Roll for the year 1916, was $87,942,650.00;

And whereas the total amount required to be raised annually by rate for paying the debt which will be created hereunder, and the interest thereon, for twenty years according to law is shown in Section 3 of this By-Law;

And whereas this By-Law may not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council;

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation by way of the debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, or body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same as a loan, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of $40,000 gross, currency or sterling money, at the rate of $4.86 2-3 to the one pound sterling, and to cause all such sums so raised or received to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the purposes and with the object hereinbefore recited;

2. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council to cause any number of debentures to be made, executed and issued for such sums as may be required, not exceeding, however, the sum of $40,000, either in currency or sterling money at the rate aforesaid, each of the said debentures being of an amount not less than $100, and all such debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Corporation and signed by the Mayor thereof. Such debentures shall be issued on the plan or of the class authorized by Section 97, subsection 4 (c) of the Municipal Act. (Known as the Serial Bond plan).

It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council in their discretion to alternately cause each of the said debentures to be made, executed and issued for an amount of £100 sterling, and one, if necessary, for a less sum in sterling money to complete the authorized issue.

3. The said debentures shall bear date of the 1st day of February, 1917, and shall be made payable in twenty years from said date, at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be designated thereon, and shall be payable in twenty (20) annual instalments during the twenty years next after the time when the same are issued, and the respective amounts of principal and interest payable in each of such years shall be as follows:

Year—	Principal	Interest	Total
1	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 4,000.00
2	2,000.00	1,900.00	3,900.00
3	2,000.00	1,800.00	3,800.00
4	2,000.00	1,700.00	3,700.00
5	2,000.00	1,600.00	3,600.00
6	2,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00
7	2,000.00	1,400.00	3,400.00
8	2,000.00	1,300.00	3,300.00
9	2,000.00	1,200.00	3,200.00
10	2,000.00	1,100.00	3,100.00
11	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
12	2,000.00	900.00	2,900.00
13	2,000.00	800.00	2,800.00
14	2,000.00	700.00	2,700.00
15	2,000.00	600.00	2,600.00
16	2,000.00	500.00	2,500.00
17	2,000.00	400.00	2,400.00
18	2,000.00	300.00	2,300.00
19	2,000.00	200.00	2,200.00
20	2,000.00	100.00	2,100.00
	$40,000.00	$21,000.00	$61,000.00

and said debentures shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest, and the signatures of the interest coupons may be either written, stamped, printed, lithographed or engraved.

4. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly, on the 1st day of February and 1st day of August, at such places in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America as may be expressed in the debenture and coupon.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council to cause the said debentures and interest coupons, either or both, to be made payable at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be desired.

6. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Council of the said Corporation to dispose of the said debentures at a rate below par, and to authorise the Treasurer to pay out of the sums so raised by the sale of the said debentures all expenses connected with the preparation and engraving or lithographing of the debentures and coupons, or any discount or commission or other charges incidental to the sale of the said debentures, provided, however, that no such debentures shall be sold at a price which shall net the Corporation less than 95 cents on the dollar of par value, plus accrued interest.

7. If deemed advisable by the Mayor and Council there shall, in the said debentures, be reserved to the Corporation the right upon any future consolidation of the debenture indebtedness of the city to substitute debentures of such consolidation secured upon the credit of the city generally. Such consolidation debentures shall contain the like covenants, conditions and restrictions as are contained in the debentures issued in pursuance of this By-Law, and in each debenture issued hereunder a clause conditional for such substitution may be inserted.

8. For the purpose of raising annually the required sum for the payment of the interest on the said debentures during their currency, and for the payment of the said debentures as they respectively fall due, there shall be raised annually the sum shown in Section 3 of this By-Law, and said sums shall be raised annually by a rate sufficient therefor on all rateable land and improvements or real property in the City of Victoria during the continuance of the said debentures or any of them.

9. This By-Law shall, before the final passing thereof, receive the assent of the electors of the Corporation in the manner provided for in the Municipal Act, and shall take effect on the day of the registration hereof.

10. This By-Law may be cited as the "Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-Law, 1916."

Passed the Municipal Council this 26th day of December, A. D., 1916.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the premises known as No. 846 Cormorant Street (north side), on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, that the poll will be kept open between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7 p. m., and that William W. Northcott has been appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of taking such vote.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., December 27, 1916.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RAILWAY ACT
Chapter 194, R. S. B. C. 1911
Canadian Northern Pacific Railway.

In the matter of the application of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, hereinafter called the "Applicant," for leave to pass with the applicant's line of railway under Burnside Road, in the City of Victoria, Station 77x3, Mile 1, the said applicant having submitted revised and modified drawings of the structure required, and the said drawings having been approved and signed by the city engineer of the City of Victoria, the local manager of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company and the engineering superintendent of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, I do hereby, in virtue of the authority vested in me under the provisions of Subsection (2), Section 159, and Subsection (3), Section 173, British Columbia Railway Act, R. S. B. C., 1911, and upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer of Railways, B. C., grant to the said applicant this certificate of approval of the aforesaid application.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

JOHN OLIVER,
Minister of Railways.

WELLINGTON COLLIERY RAILWAY CO.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Wellington Colliery Railway Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Rooms 212 to 216 Pemberton Building, corner of Fort and Broad Streets in the City of Victoria, B. C., on Monday, the 1st day of January, 1917, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of Directors of said Company for the ensuing year, for the ratification and adoption of the proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company, held at the said Head Office of the Company, on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1916, and for the transaction of any other business connected with or incidental to the undertaking of the Railway Company.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 13th day of December, 1916.

HENRY BROWNSON,
Secretary of the Wellington Colliery Railway Company.

City of Victoria

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

The Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-law, 1916.

I hereby give notice that such of the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling place, known as 846 Cormorant Street (north side), in the City of Victoria, on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the "Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-law, 1916," a copy of which by-law is published in the Victoria Daily Colonist and copies whereof are posted up at the City Hall, and in various other public places in the city, and at the Polling place.

And take notice that the said By-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof be that of at least three-fifths of the persons who shall vote upon such by-law.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

CITY OF VICTORIA

Municipal Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1917, FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Douglas Street, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing three (3) persons to represent them as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Pottery Building, 626 Pandora Street, in the said City, as follows: All voters from "A" to "Las" inclusive, in Booth No. 1, and voters from "Le" to "Z" inclusive in Booth No. 2, in said Pottery Building at which time and place each Elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor will be entitled to cast his vote for three (3) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees; of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Any person being a British subject of the full age of Twenty-one years actually residing within the district and having been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City School District of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge and being otherwise qualified to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District shall be eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee in such City School District.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

CITY OF VICTORIA

Municipal Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1917

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The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open Thursday the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. in the manner following.

For the Office of Mayor—All voters from "A" to "Las" inclusive, in Booth No. 1, in the building known as Nos. 1417 and 1419 Broad Street; and voters from "Le" to "Z" inclusive in Booth No. 2, in the building known as 1417 and 1419 Broad Street.

For the Office of Aldermen—In the building known as Nos. 1417 and 1419 Broad Street, as follows, viz.: Voters "A" to "D" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 1; Voters "E" to "Las" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 2; Voters "Le" to "Q" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 3; and Voters "R" to "Z" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 4, of which every person is required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be any person who is a male British subject of the full age of Twenty-one years not disqualified under any law, and has for six months next preceding the Day of Nomination been the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of One Thousand Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who is otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal Voter.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of Twenty-one years, and who are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the Day of Nomination the Registered Owners in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal Voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

POCKET FLASHLIGHTS SAVE ELEVEN LIVES

Spanish Liner Buenos Ayres, Which Picked Up Survivors of Pio IX, Brings Exciting Tale of Rescue.

An interesting tale was related by the sailors of the Spanish liner Buenos Ayres, which docked at New York from Cadiz a few days before Christmas, of how two electric pocket flashlights saved the crew of the steamer Pio IX.

They told their story, says a recent exchange, with much gesticulation and many crossings of themselves, for they watched the Pio IX roll in her last fight with a mighty sea until a black night shut off their view. They saw the two tiny flashes of light held aloft on a black sea by men who clung to wreckage, come like fireflies across the waves, and they heard the death cry of the doomed freighter before the last wave rolled her under.

"Water above our decks," came the whisper of the wireless. "We are sinking. Goodby."

When the stormy morning broke, the sailormen of the Buenos Ayres looked out across the tossing ranges of waves and knew that the wireless man had told the truth. Somewhere far beneath where the few bits of flotsam were whirled about was the Pio IX, her captain and forty of her crew.

The men who worked the Buenos Ayres from Cadiz to New York believe that it was not the pocket flashlights, but a miracle that saved the eleven members of the freighter's crew. No man could have lived by mortal aid alone, they say, in the waves that snatched away and crushed the boats which the Pio IX had tried to lower.

French Cruiser to Rescue

Had they not tried all day to save the men of the drowning ship, and failed? Had not the great grey French battle cruiser which had wallowed down out of the north, to the Pio IX's "S. O. S." call also tried, with no better result? No boat, much less a man, could have lived five minutes in that sea.

Yet eleven men drifted across the turmoil of wind and foam, with tiny electric lights flashing, and under the lee of their own ship the sailors were able to launch a boat and pick them up. This they attribute to the intervention of saints unknown to the man who has no Spanish. Antonio Oliver, an engineer's apprentice on the Pio, smiles shyly and confirms their statement.

He and Domingo Ereno had been swept overboard, and out of the dark sea the saints had sent them a bit of wreckage on which they crawled. Antonio had then held up his flashlight. He was still holding it above his head when they took him aboard the Buenos Ayes, insensible and beaten almost to death by the seas.

The Buenos Ayres was seven hundred miles off the coast of Sabin, and making heavy weather through a tremendous blow, when on the morning of December 5 her wireless caught the whimper of an "S. O. S." Bit by bit through the storm the message came to her.

Battered by Hurricane

The Pio IX, two hundred miles to the south, was sinking. Outward bound from New Orleans, and heavily laden with cotton, a hurricane had caught her, broken her engines, opened her seams and was rolling her to pieces.

There was only one thing to do. The liner turned and went staggering over the tremendous seas toward the stricken ship. Ranging still further to the north, a French battle cruiser had also caught the appeal and had abandoned war to go to her aid.

Toward the middle of the next afternoon the Buenos Ayres caught sight of the Pio, a black, helpless hulk, ringed in white by the leaping sea. The wind was still terrific. The seas were too high for the vessels to risk close approach, so the liner circled the sinking ship. Twice she ran in as near as she dared and fired her Lyle gun. Each time the line fell short.

A third time, the gun was fired, and the line dropped across the Pio's forward deck and snapped in half.

There was nothing more to do, but wait for the end. The liner tried to launch her boats and failed, for her rail rolled unders with each wave. Night drew near as the great French fighter came down from the north and also hung about the sinking vessel, unable to do anything.

Boats Are Smashed

In the grey twilight they watched the freighter try to launch her own boats. Several were swallowed as soon as they touched the sea. Others were cracked like eggs as they hung in the davits. And then night came on, and the liner watched the lights die out one by one on the deck of the Pio.

It was toward midnight that she was able to launch a boat and save the men whose presence the tiny dots of the flashlights proclaimed. Oliver and his mate were saved first. The other nine clung to a life raft, with their light fastened to a spar.

The Pio's wireless had been sputtering more weakly each hour. It was at 1 o'clock in the morning that it spoke the vessel's word of farewell. A few minutes later the man who had sent it died with Captain Orrinaga and forty of the crew. The battle cruiser signalled in the morning that she had picked up eleven men.

WIRELESS REPORT

(By Government Wireless)

8 p.m.

Point Grey — Cloudy; S.E.; light; 30.16; 30; thick.

Cape Lazo — Overcast; calm; 30.09; 32; sea smooth. 12:30 p.m., spoke ss. Latouche left Union Bay, southbound. 5:30 p.m., spoke ss. Cordova, off Sisters' Light, southbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; S.E.; light; 30.08; 37; sea moderate.

Estevan — Drizzling; S. E.; moderate; 29.82; 35; sea moderate.

Alert Bay — Cloudy; S.E.; light; 30.08; 37; sea moderate.

Estevan — Drizzling; S. E.; moderate; 29.82; 35; sea moderate.

Alert Bay — Cloudy; S. E.; fresh; 29.72; 34; sea moderate.

Triangle — Cloudy, calm; 29.92; 40; sea rough. 1:30 a.m., spoke ss. Princess Maquinna abeam Vancouver Rock, northbound; 5:30 a.m., spoke ss. Dolphin, Queen Charlotte Sound, southbound; 4:40 p.m., spoke ss. Princess Ena, off Pine Island, northbound.

Dead Tree—Rain; S.E.; light; 29.71; 34; sea moderate.

Ikeda — Cloudy; S.E.; light; 29.34; 36; light swell.

Prince Rupert — Cloudy; S.E.; 29.52; 40; sea moderate. 2:30 a.m., spoke ss. Alameda, due Ketchikan 6 a.m., northbound; 9 a.m., passed out, ss. Prince George, southbound.

RUSSIAN FLAG AGAIN SEEN AT NEW YORK

First Steamer in Three Months Flying the Slav Emblem Arrives in Ballast to Load Cargo.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—For the first time in nearly three months a ship flying the Russian flag tied up yesterday at a New York pier. She was the steamship Vologda, out of Archangel, December 3, and is here in ballast to take cargo for an as yet unnamed port.

Prior to early September a regular service was maintained between this port and Archangel, Russia, by vessels of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, including the passenger steamers Kurksy, Dwinsk, Czar and Czaritza. These ships for an unexplained reason were withdrawn from the New York service. The Kurksy was last reported to have left Archangel November 15 with 104 passengers for New York, but maritime circles heard today that she had been intercepted with orders at sea to put into Liverpool, when the passengers were transferred to the American steamship Lapland, due here this week.

Officials here of the Russian lines declined to discuss the movement of their ships, but others whose interests are associated with Russian shipping, think that the vessels are being used to transport supplies from England to Russia via the ice-free port of Kola Bay, under the protection of war craft.

Arabien's Big Cargo

Loaded with a heavy cargo of about 10,000 tons, the Canadian Pacific chartered steamer Arabien, bound from Vancouver for Vladivostok, passed out at 10 o'clock on Thursday night. Her cargo consisted of railway building material for the Russian Government. Immediately the vessel left her pier at Vancouver, the Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru No. 8 shifted into her place under the huge C.P.R. electric crane at No. 3 shed to load for the same Russian port.

INLAND TRANSPORT ASKED TO REPORT

Sergt. H. W. Fry, who is in charge of the local recruiting office of the Inland Water Transport section of the Royal Engineers, is in receipt of a telegram from Capt. P. F. Scharshmidt, commander of the unit, requesting that all attested recruits report at 1205 Broad Street on Monday morning, January 1, at 10 o'clock.

It is imperative that all should attend.

EMPRESS OF ASIA IS TO BE OVERHAULED

Sails for Hongkong With Good Passenger List and Capacity Cargo—Got Away Considerably Behind Schedule.

The C.P.O.S. transpacific liner Empress of Asia, Capt. W. Davison, R.N.R., got away from the outer docks at 2:30 p.m. yesterday for Yokohama and Hongkong carrying 150 saloon, 60 second and about 300 steerage passengers. The liner was twenty hours behind her sailing schedule, having been delayed at Vancouver to await the arrival of a heavy shipment of mail. She arrived at Victoria at 1:30 p.m. yesterday and embarked four second saloon and fifty steerage passengers here, besides taking on another large mail at this port.

Among the Vancouver passengers aboard the liner were Mr. K. Abe, Mr. J. A. Brander, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutchinson, and Messrs. F. and H. Loda. A saloon passenger to embark at Victoria was Mr. Lee Chang Wah, principal of the local Chinese public school, who has been engaged in educational work among the Chinese here for the past four years. His departure is greatly regretted by a large section of the influential Chinese community, who have expressed the wish that he may see his way to return here to resume the good work which he has been carrying on. Mr. Lee Chang Wah is a graduate of one of the principal colleges in China.

Mr. K. Abe is on his way to Tokio, where he will take up important duties in the Foreign Office. Mr. Abe for the past three years has held the position of Japanese Consul at Vancouver, and during that period he made himself extrtmely popular with a host of friends, a number of whom came over from the Mainland to bid him bon voyage from the outer docks.

As is usual in the case of most of the sailings of the great C.P.O.S. liners, almost the entire list of saloon passengers were made up of Americans, especially from the Atlantic coast states. As an indication of the popularity which the Canadian vessels have gained it is noted that although there are many fine vessels sailing out of San Francisco for the Orient, quite a number of the passengers leaving on the Empress of Asia yesterday were from the Golden Gate port.

The Empress went out very heavily laden, carrying over 6,000 tons of cargo for Asiatic ports, among which were several shipments of automobiles, a large quantity of railroad material and general cargo.

While at Hongkong, where she is expected to remain for twenty-eight days, the Asia will be drydocked and will undergo her annual overhaul.

Home-Made River

The River Clyde has been brought up to its present navigable condition by means of dredging, and the Glasgow people are very proud of it. One day a party of American sightseers turned up their noses at the Clyde.

"Call this a river," they said. "Why, it's a ditch in comparison with our Mississippi, or St. Lawrence, or Delaware."

"Aweel, mon," said a Scotch bystander, "you've got Providence to thank for your rivers, but we made this oursels."—Brooklyn Citizen.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

DECEMBER, 1916

Date.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.
3 ..	2:50 4.5	9:55 8.3	17:54 4.6	23:54 6.0
4 ..	3:30 5.7	10:15 8.9	18:26 3.6	....
5 ..	....	10:37 9.1	18:59 2.6	....
6 ..	....	....	11:01 9.3	19:33 1.8
7 ..	....	....	11:26 9.5	20:07 1.2
8 ..	....	....	11:51 9.6	20:41 0.8
9 ..	....	....	12:13 9.5	21:16 0.7
10 ..	....	....	12:26 9.4	21:52 0.8
11 ..	....	....	12:34 9.2	22:28 1.1
12 ..	....	....	12:36 8.9	23:08 1.5
13 ..	....	9:13 8.6	....	....
14 ..	....	9:12 8.5	....	....
15 ..	0:12 2.7	8:56 8.4	....	....
16 ..	0:44 3.5	8:56 8.4	....	....
17 ..	1:13 4.3	9:06 8.5	16:53 5.4	21:07 5.5
18 ..	1:53 5.0	9:21 8.6	18:13 4.7	....
19 ..	....	9:38 8.8	18:10 3.8	....
20 ..	....	9:59 9.1	18:34 2.8	....
21 ..	....	....	10:17 9.6	19:05 1.8
22 ..	....	....	10:46 9.9	19:42 0.9
23 ..	....	....	11:20 10.2	20:21 0.3
24 ..	....	....	12:01 10.3	21:01 0.2
25 ..	....	....	12:46 10.2	21:42 0.3
26 ..	7:13 8.8	9:11 8.4	13:35 9.8	22:24 0.3
27 ..	7:14 8.5	10:31 8.1	14:30 9.1	23:07 1.0
28 ..	7:23 8.6	11:46 7.5	15:33 8.2	23:51 2.0
29 ..	7:43 8.7	13:11 6.7	17:00 7.1	....
30 ..	0:36 3.3	8:05 8.8	14:40 6.7	19:24 6.3
31 ..	1:13 4.5	8:30 9.0	16:02 4.7	22:12 6.0

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of lower water.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—The demand from outside sources for butter was better. Cheese was in better demand. Eggs fairly active and firm.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 25; finest Easterns, 24.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 43 to 43½; seconds, 40½ to 41.

Eggs—Fresh, 60; selected, 44; No. 1 stock, 38 to 40.

Pork—Heavy Canada short mess, 39 to 40; Canada short cut back, 37 to 38.

REVIEW OF TRADE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Dispatches to Dun's Review from branches in the leading cities of Canada state that holiday trade exceeded all previous records in volume, and while the quieting down usual at the end of the year for the taking of inventories is noticeable in numerous lines, the demand for seasonable merchandise is remarkably well maintained. Orders for Spring delivery are already coming in quite freely, and all indications point to a speedy revival in business activity.

Montreal reports that the holiday trade was well up to expectations, and that with the prevalance of Winter weather retail stocks of Winter goods are being rapidly cleaned up. Wholesalers say that they are receiving a very satisfactory volume of orders and as most manufacturers have as much business as they can handle, merchants regard the outlook as exceptionally encouraging.

Distribution of seasonable merchandise has been fully up to the average at Quebec. Manufacturers continue busy and wholesale and retail dealers appear satisfied with conditions.

Toronto reports that sales of holiday goods were the largest ever recorded and that the advent of Winter weather materially stimulated the movement in heavy clothing and other seasonable lines.

There has been no special change in the Far West and Northwest, business continuing along normal lines, with almost entire absence of complaint for the future.

Holiday trade was exceptionally good at Winnipeg with preference for the better class of merchandise, reflecting the generally prosperous conditions. There is the usual holiday quietness in some lines, but there is still brisk demand for clothing, footwear, drygoods and other staples, and merchants are optimistic regarding the future.

Business in all lines at Saskatoon has been much better than a year ago, and indications point to a continuation of these conditions. The season's results have been very satisfactory at Edmonton, and merchants confidently anticipate an active Spring trade.

Calgary reports that in spite of the high level of prices merchandise stocks have been very satisfactorily reduced, and that prospects for Spring have very rarely, if ever, been more encouraging.

Holiday trade at Vancouver was much better than last year, and merchants in practically all lines express satisfaction regarding present conditions and future prospects.

PUBLIC MARKET

Business at the opening session of yesterday's public market was quiet, the cold weather probably preventing some of the producers being able to get to market. It is expected a full display will be made today. Prices ruled at the following average figures:

Fruit—Table apples, 7 lbs., 25c; cooking apples, 10 lbs. 25c; pears, 6 lbs. 25c; Baldwins, Greenings, per box, No. 2, $1.00; Kings, No. 2 $1.00, No. 1 $1.25.

Dairy Produce—Hen eggs, per doz., 55c; pullet eggs, per doz., 5c less; butter, per lb., 50c; cream cheese, per lb., 20c; Gouda cheese, per lb., 40c.

Vegetables—Carrots, per lb., 1½c; turnips, per lb., 1½c; white cabbage, per lb., 2c; savoy cabbage, per lb., 2c; parsnips, per lb., 2c; celery, per lb., 6c; spinach, per lb., 6c; Brussel sprouts, 3 lbs. 25c; lettuce, head, 3 for 10c; lettuce, leaf, 3 for 10c; sage, parsley, thyme, mint, per bunch, 5c; artichokes, 6 lbs., 25c.

Meat—Lamb, per lb., 25c to 30c; mutton, per lb., 12c to 20c; veal, per lb., 15c to 20c; beef, per lb., 10c to 15c; pork, per lb., 15c to 20c; chicken, per lb., 28c; fowl, per lb., 22c; duck, per lb., 30c; geese, per lb., 30c; turkey, per lb., 45c; dressed rabbits, per lb., 18c to 20c.

Fish—Cod, per lb., 12c; black bass, per lb., 10c; halibut, per lb., 17c; smelts, per lb., 12c; fresh herring, per lb., 7c; Spring salmon, per lb., 17c; soles, per lb., 10c; crabs, each, 10c to 12c; smoked black cod, per lb., 15c to 17c; kippers, per lb., 10c to 12c; finne cod, per lb., 12c; bloaters, per lb., 10c; smoked salmon, per lb., 15c to 17c.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29.—Wheat closed 2⅝c lower for December and 1⅝c down for May. Oats were ⅜c to ⅝c down.

News came in late in the day that the big interests in the American markets were leaving the selling side and buying heavily. The Armour Grain Company were reported good buyers. This report and the stopping of the selling pressure in the local market caused prices to recover a little from the low points.

	Open	Close
Wheat—		
Dec.	174⅞	173¼
May	177⅝	176⅜
Oats—		
Dec.	54⅝	53⅞
May	57⅜	57¼
Barley—		
Dec.	..	97
May	..	101
Flax—		
Dec.	269	268⅜
May	269	268⅜

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 173¼; 2 Nor., 170¼; 3 Nor., 165¼ No. 4, 148¾; No. 5, 128⅜; feed, 85.

Oats—2 C. W., 53⅝; 3 C. W., 50⅞; extra 1 feed, 50⅞.

Barley—No. 3, 97; rejected, 70.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 259; 2 C. W., 256.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

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Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Ames Holden	21	..
Canada Car	36½	37
do pfd.	..	78½
Canada Cement	62½	64
Can. S. S. Co.	..	35⅝
do pfd	..	91
Can. Locomotive	56	..
Civic Power	..	81
Detroit United Ry.	..	126
Dom. Bridge	..	164
Dom. Steels	65	65½
Laurentide	..	192
Montreal Tramways	60	60½
Nova Scotia Steel	116	117
Quebec Railway	38	38½
Shawinigan	127	127½
Spanish River	16½	16⅝
Steel Co. of Canada	65	65½
do pfd	100	..
Toronto Ry.	..	76

NEW YORK COTTON

(Furnished by Wise & Company, Brokers)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	17.05	17.25	16.90	16.99
Feb.				17.10
March	17.28	17.56	17.10	17.27
April				17.37
May	17.72	17.93	17.26	17.82
July	17.77	17.88	17.49	17.57
Sept.				16.23
Oct.	16.20	16.33	16.90	16.66

Metal Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Lead, $7.50 to $7.62; spelter quiet; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 9¾. At London: Lead £30 10s.; spelter, £51. Copper dull; electrolytic, first, second and third quarters, $30 to $32.50. Iron steady and unchanged. Tin strong, spot, $41.25 to $33.

New term, January 2; get particulars. Sprott-Shaw Institute

MARKET STAGNANT ON EVE OF HOLIDAY

Dealings Light and Price Movements Unimportant—Firmness Shown by Oils, Coppers and Other Shares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—With a triple holiday in prospect, the last day of the year in the stock market was characterized by excessive dullness, and few price changes of importance. Dealings were altogether professional and represented in greater degree than ordinarily the winding up of speculative accounts. Public interest was evidently at low ebb, even the bond division reflecting little or no inquiry.

For the most part trading was restricted to the usual favorites, with marked pressure against the motors and their subsidiaries, as well as other specialties conspicuous in the depression of the last few weeks. Utilities, notably gas, sugars, tobaccos, some of the papers and leather, and many shares of no specific description were irregularly lower, with moderate heaviness in rails. The only noteworthy feature in the latter division was the Wabash group, the new preferred "A" stock hardening on the declaration of an initial dividend of one per cent.

Equipments and munitions were somewhat mixed, Bethlehem Steel, however, rising 20 points, with 1 to 2 points for some of the distinctive war shares.

United States Steel declined moderately at the outset, but more than regained its loss, closing at a net gain of 1¼ points.

Oils were consistently strong, with considerable activity in Texas Company at an extreme gain of 15 points. Copper and shipping shares ruled firm to strong, the recent rise in Atlantic Gulf and West Indies finding partial explanation in the October statement, showing an increase in net earnings of more than sixty per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Central Leather, Baldwin Loco., Pressed Steel and a few others of the same class were materially better, the entire list being at its highest at the close.

Sterling exchange and marks were quotably higher, but dealings in all remittances were nominal.

International bonds were stronger in the main, Anglo-French 5's recovering almost a point from yesterday's low record. Total sales (par value) $3,270,000.

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Limited)

Stocks—	High.	Low.	Close.
Alaska Gold	11	10⅝	11
Allis Chalmers	26	26	26
Amn. Beet Sugar	89	88¼	89
Amn. Sugar Rfg	108⅝	108	108
Amn. Can.	46½	45⅝	46⅝
Amn. Car Fdy.	64⅝	63¼	64½
Amn. Loco.	77	75½	76⅝
Amn. Smelt. and Ref.	104½	102½	104
Amn. T. and T.	123⅝	123¼	123⅝
Amn. Wool	42	42	42
Amn. Steel Fdy.	60½	60	60
Amn. Zinc	27½	25½	27½
Anaconda	81⅝	80¼	81⅝
Atchison	103⅞	103⅝	103⅞
Atlantic Gulf	116	107½	112⅝
Baldwin Loco.	58⅝	56½	57½
Baltimore and Ohio	84	83⅝	84
Beth. Steel	505	504	505
Butte Sup.	45⅝	45⅝	45⅞
Canadian Pacific	165½	165¼	165⅝
Central Leather	85	81	85
Crucible Steel	62	59½	61⅝
Chicago, M. and St. P.	91½	91¼	91½
Chino Copper	53½	51⅝	53⅜
Chile Copper	25½	23⅝	24½
Corn Products	22⅜	21⅝	22⅜
Corn Products	22⅜	21⅝	22⅜
Distillers Sec.	28⅝	27½	28
Den. and Rio Grande	40⅞	40⅜	40⅞
Erie	33⅞	33⅜	33⅞
do 1st pfd.	48½	48¼	48½
Gen. Elect.	166	165⅜	165½
Goodrich	60	58⅝	59½
Granby	88	88⅜	88
Great Nor. pfd.	117½	117⅜	117½
Hide and Leather	62½	62½	62½
Inspr. Cop.	56⅝	55⅝	56⅝
Int. Nickel	41⅝	41	41⅝
Int. Mer. Marine	26½	25	26
do pfd.	87⅝	85⅝	86⅞
Interboro Transit	16⅝	16¼	16⅝
Illinois Cent.	..	..	16⅝
Kennecott Cop.	45¼	43¼	45¼
Kan. City So.	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
Lehigh Valley	78⅝	77⅝	77⅝
Lack. Steel	82¼	80½	82
Maxwell Motors	48	46½	47½
Midvale Steel	57⅞	57⅜	57⅝
Mex. Petro.	95	90⅝	95
Miami Copper	39⅜	38¼	39¼
Missouri Pacific	15½	15⅝	15½
Mo., Kas., and Texas.	11⅝	11¼	11⅝
Nat. Lead	..	..	58⅝
N. Y., N. H., and Hart.	51½	50½	50⅞
N. Y. Central	103⅞	103¼	103⅞
Norfolk and West.	..	..	136
North. Pac.	109⅝	109½	109⅝
N. Y., O. and West.	29⅜	28⅝	29⅜
Nevada Cons. Cop.	23⅝	23	23⅞
N. Y. Airbrake	143	143	143
Pennsylvania R. R.	57	56⅝	56⅞
Pressed Steel Car	75	73⅝	74⅞
Reading	102¼	101½	101½
Ry. Steel Spring	..	..	49
Ray. Cons. Min.	25½	23¾	25⅝
Republic Steel	77½	76	77⅛
Southern Ry.	32¼	31⅝	31⅞
Studebaker Corp.	104½	100	103⅝
Sloss Sheffield	62	60½	62
Third Ave. Ry.	49½	49	49½
The Texas Co.	237½	224½	236
Union Pacific	147⅝	146	147¼
Utah Copper	101⅝	98⅝	101⅝
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	112	108	110⅝
U. S. Rubber	61⅝	60⅝	61⅝
U. S. Steel	106⅝	103⅝	106⅞
Virginia Chem.	44	43	44
Western Union	..	..	96
Wabash R. R.	15½	15⅛	15½
Wabash R. R. 'A'	57¼	55	57
Willys-Overland	36⅝	34	35½
Westinghouse Elec.	54⅝	54½	54⅝

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Blackbird Syndicate	15.00	22.00
Can. Copper Co.	1.62½	1.75
Can. Cons. S. and R.	41.00	44.00
Coronation Gold	.05½	...
Granby	88.00	...
Int. Coal and Coke	.06	...
Lucky Jim Zinc	.10½	...
McGillivray Coal	.12	...
P. C. Tunnels	...	.05
Portland Canal	...	.03
Rambler Cariboo	.16	.22
Standard Lead	1.25	1.37½
Snowstorm	.56	...
Stewart M. and D.	...	.75
Slocan Star	.26	...
Stewart Land	...	7.00
Unlisted—		
Glacier Creek	...	.04½
Island Investment	...	20.00
Union Club Deb. (new)	...	40.00
do (old)	...	90.00
Howe Sound M. Co.	7.50	8.00
Colonial Pulp	.25	...
Pingree Mines	...	.10

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p.m., to the top at 12:55 p.m., and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.

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Superintendent.

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NEW YORK CURB PRICES

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Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Ariz. Copperfields		⅝
Can. Copper	1⅝	1⅞
Crown Reserve	40	55
Em. Phone	9¼	10
Goldfield	50	60
Hecla	7⅜	7⅝
Hedley Gold	20	24
Hollinger	6½	7
Howe Sound	7⅜	7⅝
Kerr Lake	4⅝	4⅞
Emma Copper	1⅝	2
Green Monster	2	2¼
Jerome Verde	1⅜	1⅝
Big Ledge	3⅜	4⅛
Inspiration Needles	⅛	⅜
La Rose	58	60
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the Editor will be printed except over the proper signature of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

Hedley Gold Mining Co.'s Dividends

Sir:—Under the head of "Mining Industry," The Colonist today quotes a New York report as follows: "The Hedley Gold Mining Company of British Columbia, after payment of the regular dividend of 3 per cent and the extra 3 per cent on December 30, will have paid to stockholders about $780,000 in the last five years, which is at the rate of about $12.50 per share on the 120,000 shares outstanding."

The yearly totals of dividend payments by the Hedley Gold Mining Co. during the five years 1912-1916 are as under:

1912	$360,000
1913	360,000
1914	300,000
1915	300,000
1916	240,000
Total	$1,560,000

E. JACOBS.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 29, 1916.

Education

Sir,—The tenor of Mr. Todd's letter in your issue of the 28th compels one to regard his comments as being both serious and honest. These are my premises.

If we share his views then we have truly reached a deplorable state; for, after reading his letter the impression left is that over 95 per cent of mankind needs nothing more than an elementary acquaintance with what are known as the "three R's" for his daily use and amusement. Every other study is superfluous and a waste of time. The natural inference which, according to his own showing, he forces on us, is that more comprehensive study is useless, and that even the managers and owners of enterprises make use of no other educational tools than the primitive ones referred to above. He seems to overlook, if not deny, the value of extensive study in promoting mental development to enable one to teach, to heal, organize, direct, investigate, discover, or invent. And yet he states he has for many years never ceased to study, has carried his children through their studies and presumably has both seen them launched in the world, and watched with chagrin the futility of their education. For no one will for a moment suppose that he was so selfish as to deny them a full share of the studies which he seems to have eagerly grasped for himself. Are these lamentable inferences which he draws to be regarded as the nett result of his own many years' study? If so, then we must perforce bow our heads in submissive resignation and acceptance of them: for, as we must accept his protestations as honest, it is obvious he has given us a striking illustration in support of his contentions as having been unable to convey what he intended, or we must dispel our premises as an illusion.

The value of Mr. Todd's letter seems to lie in his last paragraph. I read the whole epistle to my 13-year-old schoolboy son, who remarked: "Why at that rate we shouldn't know more than the savages!" I suppose we regard ourselves as more advanced than they. If so, why are we? Surely it is more blessed to give than to take. For pity's sake let us do nothing to discourage liberal learning and study!!

HAROLD J. HARRIS.

Cobble Hill, B.C., December 28, 1916.

Until further notice—F. L. Haynes will carry on business as usual at 1114 Government Street. His numerous customers will be notified through the press as soon as new premises have been located.

IMPERIAL CREDITS

Chartered Banks Have Provided Another Advance of $50,000,000 for Britain

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—The chartered banks of Canada have provided a further Imperial credit of $50,000,000 to assist in financing Great Britain's purchases in Canada. The credit was decided on following a conference between bank representatives and the Minister of Finance of two weeks ago.

Sir Thos. White was informed today that the sum will be advanced to the Dominion Government, which will place the amount to the credit of the Imperial Government to purchase munitions and supplies in Canada.

This makes a total of $250,000,000 provided by the banks and the Government jointly to date for the purpose mentioned.

As a result of the establishment of these credits orders to a much larger value have been secured than would otherwise have been possible.

Austrians Fined

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 29.—Two Austrians, John Bindas, of Welland, and Matthew Fehatic, of Thorold, who broke parole, were fined $25 and costs each yesterday. Bindas tried to go over the river, while Fehatic was arrested on the way back. He had gone for whiskey, which was found on him.

Win $100 Bonuses

CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 29.—Dr. C. J. Hamilton has received information through Major Magwood of Cornwall, now overseas with the 154th Battalion, as to the men entitled to cheques for $100 each which he gave for the three first men to enlist and go overseas with that battalion from the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, respectively. They are Ptes. J. Philbin and John Hughes, and Sgt. H. S. MacDonald.

Royal Bank Appointment

HALIFAX, Dec. 29—C. W. Frazee, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada in this city, has been appointed supervisor of the Royal Bank's branches in British Columbia. He will assume his new duties this middle of January. Mr. Frazee, who is about forty-two years of age, has had a banking experience of twenty years.

Home Production as a Weapon

There is no reason why when the war comes to an end we should allow Germany to get back to the industrial and commercial position she occupied prior to the war. To do so would be to allow the lesson of the war to be lost. There is nothing for the comfort and sustenance of man which cannot be produced on British territory. Why not produce our own requirements instead of placing our orders in a country and with a people who have proved the most deadly foes of our race and Empire?—Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister, New Zealand.

MINING INDUSTRY

Owing to the setting in of severe weather it has been found impossible to carry on much development work or shipment of ore from the property that he and a number of others hold in East Kootenay, Capt. E. J. Fader, of Seattle, stated in an interview at Vancouver. He added that some of the property was located nine thousand feet above sea level and above the timber line. Practically nothing could be done this Winter, but they had their arrangements made for a big programme of development for the coming spring. Last week they had shipped forty tons of silver-lead ore from the Lead Queen mine, and the indications were that the property was a highly valuable one.

The first vessel of the fleet of the Pacific Steamship Company to deliver copper ore in British Columbia for smelting purposes, the Admiral Watson, has arrived at Anyox, B. C., with a shipment of 500 tons of the product of the properties of the Fidalgo Mining Company at Landlock Bay, Alaska. The ore was consigned to the Granby Smelting and Refining Company.

Three thousand feet from the portal of the long tunnel on the fourth level of the Yankee Girl mine at Ymir, ore has been struck, but the extent of the body has not yet been determined.

Great mining activity is reported in the Alice Arm district. The Dolly Varden, an extremely high grade silver proposition, in which the Marshall Field estate of Chicago hold the controlling interest, has spent upwards of $50,000 in diamond drilling to prove the extent and value of the ore deposits. A wagon road eighteen miles in length has been built and machinery and a sawmill are now being taken in preparatory to next season's work. Several properties on the main branch of the Kitsault have recently been bonded by the Alice Arm Development Company for $50,000. Among properties bonded are the McFarlane-Kennedy claims, where diamond drilling operations are now being carried on; Davidson's "Wildcat," which shows some of the finest chalcopyrite copper ore on the surface ever discovered in British Columbia; the Carpenter-Eagan claims and Al Miner's property. Close to the town of Alice Arm is the Spaniards mine, a high grade silver property which the owners work themselves, shipping the ore and receiving good returns for their labor. Mr. A. McPhail also has a promising silver lead close to the beach, upon which he is doing development work preparatory to shipping ore. The town of Alice Arm has sprung into prominence as towns have the habit of doing anywhere that active mining operations are being carried on. There are several stores there, a good hotel and an excellent dock, which is a convenience both to the shippers of ore and to the steamship companies.

At the annual meeting of the board of directors and shareholders of the Slocan Star Mines, Ltd., just held in Vancouver, the entire directorate was reelected to office for another year, as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. S. Lennie; directors: Mr. A. C. Burdick, Victoria; Mr. T. S. McPherson, Victoria; Mr. John Elliott, Vancouver; Mr. J. P. Goldrick, Spokane, and Mrs. J. M. Harris, Sandon.

The year was an important one in the history of the mine, the report states. Additional mining and milling equipment was obtained, though there was unavoidable delay in the installation. The report continues that the work of installation has not been completed. This will permit of operation at full capacity the year round. A shortage of water and power at certain periods of the year has detrimentally affected the development and production in the mine, but this has been overcome. The plant was paid for by the sale of debentures, an issue of $100,000 of 7 per cent bonds having been made. The trust deed to secure the bonds provides that they are to be repaid out of the profits.

A market was found for the zinc concentrates on hand at the time of the last report, giving gross returns of $35,271. Lead concentrates have since been produced worth $113,536, which resulted in a net smelter value of $85,109. Other small shipments have been made.

The development during the year consisted of 1,603 feet of drifts, raises and cross-cuts in different levels of the mine.

The profit for the year amounted to $16,619. The sum expended on new machinery and buildings amounted to $53,813. This was met out of the loan. The report stated there was a credit balance of $16,043 in the bank.

The sum of $13,139 was owing to the mine for ore and the sum of $4,391 owing on other accounts. The amount of ore sold during the year was valued at $128,747. The expenses of mining came to $114,184.

"Your directors confidently feel that the recent development, the improvement of the market and metal prices, and the improved equipment for handling and saving on the product should this year result in much better returns and more profitable operations," the report says in conclusion.

Mr. John Rogers, mining broker, of Spokane, said on his return from New York: "The market for mine shares is good, especially for those representing copper. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that this metal will be in demand whether peace is arranged or not. Zinc will probably be affected by a suspension of hostilities, as it enters largely into the production of shells. But there will be a demand for it right up to the end. The general market is not professional. It is being supported by the public."

The Spokane Spokesman-Review reports that ore has been struck on two new places in the property of the Rambler-Cariboo mine. A strike on the fifth level has revealed silver-lead ore of a milling grade. Ore struck on the 13th level contains zinc among other ingredients. Low temperatures have reduced the volume of water required in mill operations, thus limiting the output to three carloads of concentrates for the first three weeks of this month. The shipment of a 1,000-ton lot of zinc concentrates to Denver, Colo., has been completed. Returns have been received on three or four carloads of ore during recent weeks, settlement on two of them having been made on a basis of $6,000 together. A substantial sum is reported to have been placed in the bank to the credit of the treasury.

If Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company continues dividend payments at $2.50 a share, announced recently, it will disburse more than $1,500,000 in 1917, as compared with $1,040,394 this year. Granby's present dividend of $10 annually can be well maintained even with copper metal at a much lower price, as production of the company is at the rate of 4,000,000 pounds of copper a month, says a New York report. Production cost to the company at the Hidden Creek property, the big producer, is about 8.5 to 9 cents per pound and should be materially lower when conditions have returned to a more normal basis as to wages and cost of supplies.

According to Mr. George W. Bruggy, a merchant and mining man of Alice Arm, plans are now afoot to develop the Montana group of mines on Portland Canal next Summer and place them upon a permanent shipping basis. The Montana has already made three small trial shipments, totalling twenty-two tons, which gave returns of about $230 to the ton, and if the present high prices of silver and lead continue this figure can be augmented to a considerable extent by further shipments. The property consists of seven claims located on Marmot River, which enters Portland Canal four miles south of Stewart. Five miles up a fine trail connects the property with salt water at the mouth of the river. Among Mr. Bruggy's plans is the construction of a dock at the river's mouth. In the past it has cost $10 per ton to pack the ore to the Stewart wharf, and this expense could be more than cut in half by the construction of a private dock.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED

Little Ones Left in House Near Montreal by Their Mother Fall Victims to Flames

MONTREAL, Dec. 29—Three children were burned to death at St. Michael de Napierville, about twenty-five miles from Montreal, yesterday afternoon. They were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Roche LeHaie—Paul, aged four; Anita, aged three, and Annette, eighteen months.

The father had been working for some time in Montreal, and Mrs. LaHaie lived with her children. In the afternoon Mrs. LaHaie went out for a few minutes to visit a neighbor, and had been absent for less than ten minutes when smoke was seen to be issuing from the house.

The mother, accompanied by some of the neighbors, ran back to save the children. The eldest was standing at an upper window, but so dense was the smoke and so quickly did the flames spread, that it was impossible to enter the building.

TOURISTS REPAY LOANS

Americans Stranded in Europe When War Broke Out and Aided by Government

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Loans made by the Government in 1914 to the thousands of American tourists who were stranded in Europe without money or means of returning home are gradually being returned to the United States treasury. Four-fifths has been paid, and half of the remainder probably will be collected, according to treasury officials.

Congress appropriated $2,500,000 to meet all contingencies, and the armored cruiser Tennessee was sent over with about twice as much gold as was found necessary to bring Americans home. When the last wandering American had been rounded up and shipped to New York the total amount advanced was $960,000.

No security was available, and none was requested. Every allowance was therefore a plain debt of honor. At the expiration of a year the names of those in arrears were made public with the amounts they owed. This stimulated a general disposition to pay up.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Sir Robert Borden Accepts Invitation to Attend—Premier Hughes Doubtful

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Sir Robert Borden has accepted the invitation of the British Government to attend the war conference in London, at which problems connected with the prosecution of war, conditions of peace and what will follow are to be considered. In view of the transcendent importance of the subjects Sir Robert feels himself bound to go. It is for this reason that Parliament has been summoned two weeks earlier than was intended.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Sydney correspondent of The Times says it is improbable that Premier Hughes will attend the imperal conference. Mature consideration, says the correspondent, has convinced the Federal leaders that his absence from Australia at present would be detrimental to the interests of the Empire.

"The political situation," it is added, "requires most dexterous handling. The Liberals are demanding equal representation in the cabinet upon conditions which, it is understood, are not acceptable to Mr. Hughes. Unless he makes the concessions demanded he would be thrown out of office while journeying to London. The leaders acknowledge the importance of the conference, but at the present juncture they are disposed to consider that Messrs. Hughes and Cook are most needed in Australia in order to make sure that Dominion exerts its utmost strength in war purposes during 1917. The final decision depends upon negotiations now proceeding for the formation of a new party, with a new policy and a new cabinet."

Ice in Columbia

PORTLAND, Dec. 29—River steamers were withdrawn from the Portland—The Dalles route today because of the increasing menace of ice floes in the Columbia River. Within another twenty-four hours, unless the weather moderates, it was apparent tonight, ice will have formed entirely across the river at points between The Dalles and Hood River.

On Murder Charge

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29.—John P. Spain was committed by Magistrate Noble shortly before midnight last night to stand trial for the murder of his employers, Mr. and Mrs. James Vincent, at their farm near Stonewall early this month. Spain pleaded not guilty, adding that he had no statement to make.

Recount at Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29.—A recount has been asked for in connection with the recent mayoralty contest in which D. J. Dyson was declared elected over Alderman F. H. Davidson by 18 votes.

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Assorted Bon Bons. Reg. 40c for, a lb. .... 25¢
Toasted Marshmallows. Reg. 40c for .... 25¢
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Cream Mixtures, a lb..... 25¢
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Small .... 50¢
Large .... 90¢
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